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Chrysler seeks £35m loan and offers deal to workers

rysler UK has asked for a £35m loan and fered participation and profit-sharing to its orkers in moves to solve its cash-problems and ert a strike. Union leaders disagreed on whether e strike, due to start tonight, would be stopped cause of the offer.

Company hopes pact can avert strike

Clifford Webb
hrysler UK has asked ance for Industry, the City titution bank, for a £35m n and offered its workers fit-sharing, participation and ew range of cars and trucks dramatic moves to solve its h flow problems and avert a eatened strike.

he loan approach was parently made some days ago news only leaked out last ht after a meeting between Don Lander, Chrysler's naging director, and senior p stewards representing all company's plants in Britain. t is understood that Chrysler e as its reason for the loan e urgent need to finance a big rease in exports to Iran, its gest overseas market. Success this market is vital to the mpany because of the severely pressed conditions in the itish market.

hrysler admitted that yester- 's meeting with shop wards had been "brought ward a few days" in the e that details of its "excit- offer" to workers would rt the strike planned by loyees at the Stoke, Coven- engine works, which is due egin tonight.

u Mr Ray Wild, Amalgama- Union of Engineering kers' convener at the ntry components plant, said night that there was no pect of today's strike being d off.

e said: "The strike vote unanimous, and was for a ancial offer of more money. e had been no offer of more y or any promise of an , and therefore there was eason to call a mass meet-

Th next meeting on this tion will be next Wednes- when the joint shop ards meet. We have told company our feelings on and if there is no offer oney today the strike goes d."

r Frank Chater, a local time official of the AUEW: "The senior stewards are duty-bound to call an rgency mass meeting today to put a strong recommen- on to the workforce to call their strike threat. We t all get down to the job working this thing out."

he offer of worker partici- on, profit sharing and a plete reversal of the previous decision not to build new vehicles in Britain in the foreseeable future were widely interpreted last night as meeting the sort of conditions Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, would impose before supporting a move to invest government money in an American-owned car company.

It is believed in some quarters that as well as to the loan approach, Chrysler is seeking direct government investment in the company.

Chrysler's pressing financial position has been made abundantly clear to Mr Benn in regular meetings between himself as sponsoring Minister and Chrysler management. He is reported to have been very critical of Chrysler's lack of faith in its British company, which had been demonstrated by the priority given to the French subsidiary when allocating new car projects.

Mr Lander stressed at yesterday's meeting that the plan to produce new cars and trucks in Britain was conditional upon a solution being found to its labour problems.

He said the plans provided for new products which would be independent of those produced by Chrysler on the Continent. They would be fully competitive in the United Kingdom market and would continue to enhance the company's export business, which represented a high proportion of its total production.

The company would discuss the proposals with the Government and were "completely flexible on working with the Government to help Chrysler overcome its present problems and provide for its full growth potential".

In presenting its bold new programme, Chrysler was acknowledging that the world had changed and would continue to change, and was offering assurances that the company was ready to proceed with new concepts and ideas since "it is obvious that the old ways have not done the job".

Mr Lander gave the unions a two-week deadline in which to work out with management a mutually agreeable plan for profit sharing and worker participation through management-union committees.

He stressed that everyone should stay at work during this period.

Mr Wilson unlikely to remove Mr Benn

By David Woo,
Political Editor

Mr Wilson returned to 10 Downing Street from Washington last night to find some of the most senior and influential members of the Cabinet profoundly worried about the damage Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, is held to be doing to confidence in the Government at home and abroad.

It is a situation in which Mr Wilson is expected to act, but few of his senior colleagues believe that he will act surgically, simply because he is likely to take a party managerial view of the Cabinet disarray and balance the party repercussions of Mr Benn's removal from the Department of Industry against the feeling of some members of the Cabinet that Mr Benn's activities are destroying the confidence on which the Government will soon have to rely.

Deputizing for the Prime Minister at question time in the Commons yesterday, Mr Short went almost beyond the line of duty in defending Mr Benn. He spoke of press hysteria, and said it would soon be seen that Mr Benn "is doing an excellent job for industry in the country".

"There is an anthropological explanation," Mr Short said. "The Conservative Party is a primitive party. It has got to have a bogey man, and the present bogey man is the Secretary of State for Industry."

At that, there were Labour cheers. But the most substantial members of the Cabinet would not underwrite what Mr Short said.

It is wrong to think that there are not members of the Cabinet who fear an economic catastrophe if present trends are not checked, and feel that therefore the Government must bolster confidence in industry, the City and Britain's creditors.

They see Mr Benn as the threat to confidence, and on that ground alone some would welcome either his removal to the back benches or to one of the social services ministries, probably with Mrs Castle, who has also incurred the criticism of moderate Ministers (along with Mrs Hart), being elevated to a life peerage.

In spite of Mr Short's defence in the House, it is scarcely believable that senior ministers will not be prepared to tell Mr Wilson today or in the next few days what they are telling one another.

Yet knowing the Prime Minister, Mr Benn's critics within the Cabinet scarcely believe that unpleasant curb will be set on the Secretary of State for Industry until after the EEC referendum on June 5.

For what it is worth, Mr Norman Tapsell and Mr John Biffen, two specialist City Conservative backbenchers, pressed in the House yesterday for an early statement from the Chancellor on the Government's sterling exchange policy. That was significant. Since the end of the Second World War there has not been a time when Conservatives in Parliament were in so much despair about Britain's drift to disaster. As one Conservative backbencher put it, as he looked forward to a working coalition of men of good will from all parties, "all we can do is prepare the boiling water for the birth of a new political alignment".

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How population of Phnom Penh was turned into peasants

From Sydney Schanberg
Bangkok, May 8

The victorious Cambodian communists, who marched into Phnom Penh on April 17, ending five years of war in Cambodia, are carrying out a peasant revolution that has thrown the entire country into upheaval.

Perhaps four million people, most of them on foot, have been forced out of the cities into the countryside where, the communists say, they will have to become peasants and till the soil.

No one has been excluded. Even the very old, the very young, the sick and the wounded have been forced on to the roads. Some clearly will not be strong enough to survive.

The old economy of the cities has been abandoned and for the moment money means nothing and cannot be spent. Barter has replaced it.

All shops either have been looted by communist soldiers for such things as watches and transistor radios, or their goods have been taken away in an organized manner to be stored as communal property.

Even the roads that radiate out of the capital and that carried the nation's commerce have been virtually abandoned. People living along the roads, like the city populations, have been pushed into the interior.

Apparently the areas into which the evacuees are being herded are at least 65 miles from Phnom Penh.

In sum, the new rulers, who achieve their victory were known as the Khmer Rouge, appear to be remaking Cambodian society in the peasant image. They are casting aside everything that belonged to the old system, which was generally dominated by the cities and towns and by the elite and merchants who lived there.

Foreigners and foreign aid are not wanted, at least, not now. It is even unclear how much influence the Chinese and North Vietnamese will have, despite their considerable aid to the Cambodian insurgents against the American-backed Government of Marshal Lon Nol.

The new authorities seem determined to do things themselves in their own way. Despite the propaganda terminology and other trappings, such as Mao caps and Ho Chi Minh rubber-tyre sandals, the communists seem fiercely independent and very Cambodian.

Judging from their present actions, it seems possible that they may largely isolate their country of perhaps seven million people from the rest of the world for a considerable time, at least until the period of upheaval is over and they are ready to show their accomplishments to foreigners when the agrarian revolution has taken concrete shape.

Some party officials in Phnom Penh talked about changing the capital into a more traditional and rural town like Siem Reap, in the north-west.

For those foreigners, including myself, who stayed behind to observe the takeover, the events were an astonishing spectacle.

In Phnom Penh two million people suddenly moved out of the city *en masse* in stunned silence; walking, cycling, pushing cars that had run out of petrol, covering the roads like a human carpet, bent under sacks of belongings hastily thrown together when the heavily armed peasant soldiers came and told them to leave immediately.

Everyone was dispirited and frightened by the unknown that awaited them and many plainly were terrified because they were soft city people and were sure the trip would kill them.

Hospitals jammed with wounded were emptied, right down to the last patient. They went limping, crawling, on crutches, carried on relatives' backs, wheeled on their hospital beds.

The communists have few doctors and meagre medical supplies, so many of the

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A Khmer Rouge soldier brandishes a pistol as he orders a shopkeeper to join the exodus from Phnom Penh. The picture was taken by a West German television cameraman on April 17, the day the city fell.

Mr Short rejects Tory protests over Industry Bill guillotine

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

When Mrs Thatcher and other Conservatives protested in the Commons yesterday about the Government's decision to apply the guillotine to the remaining stages of the Industry Bill, Mr Short, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, retorted that Conservative governments had used the device far more often than Labour.

Mr David Crouch, Conservative MP for Canterbury, referred to the possibility of having a voluntary agreement on the timetable and expressed his detestation of the compulsory guillotine.

Mr Short said that perhaps Conservative MPs would also express their detestation at the use of the guillotine by the last Conservative government on the European Communities Bill, the Housing Finance Bill, and Industrial Relations Bill and a number of other measures. Since the Second World War, he said, Labour had introduced eight timetable (guillotine) motions, and the Conservatives 17.

Mr Short said that the Government rejected the Opposition's offered voluntary agreement, which was really an attempt to barter time for consent of the Bill.

Mrs Thatcher said there was no reason why the guillotine should be imposed. On several occasions the junior minister in charge during the committee proceedings had commented on the good progress being made, and there was even one occasion when the Government tried to end a sitting but was forced by the Opposition to continue discussing the Bill.

She thought the Government was taking the action because the committee had reached the sensitive clauses of the Bill dealing with the disclosure of company information and because Mr Meacher, the Under-Secretary at the Department of Industry, had gone back on promises given to the House by the Prime Minister.

Mr Short replied that it was a major Bill in the Government's programme on which it had fought and won two general elections. The standing committee was meeting later that day for its twenty-eighth session and there would be a fairly generous allocation of time in the guillotine motion.

After those exchanges it was confirmed that the committee stage, under the motion, would continue until the end of the first week after the Whitsun recess, and after a short interval there would be two days in the House for report and third reading.

That means the Government's programme will be thrown severely out of joint and a number of measures, including the Bill for the nationalization of the aircraft and shipbuilding industries, will be held up.

Mr Richard Wainwright, MP for Colne Valley and the Liberal representative on the standing committee, said the committee had just reached the essential clauses, which differed substantially from the White Paper that dealt with the setting up of the National Enterprise Board and the introduction of planning agreements.

Mr Short assured Mr Wainwright and other MPs that there was no conflict between what the Prime Minister had said and what was in the Bill; the policy of the White Paper would be followed in the Bill. Mr Wilson had always made it clear that he was willing to have discussions with the CBI before the report stage.

Mr Heseltine, the shadow Minister for Industry, has written to Mr Wilson asking him to repudiate what has been said in the committee about compulsory disclosure of company affairs.

But in standing committee Mr Meacher said: "We have insisted right from the outset that certain basic information should be compulsorily passed on. In the White Paper, of course, this was in association with planning agreements. Planning agreements were to be voluntary, but there was this compulsory element."

Mr Heseltine has asked Mr Wilson whether he is satisfied that his word could be lightly set aside by a junior minister.

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Brezhnev call to West to end arms race

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, May 8

A call for a decisive end to the world arms race was sounded by Mr Leonid Brezhnev at a ceremonial meeting in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses to mark the thirtieth anniversary of victory over Hitler.

To a live audience of more than 5,000 and television and radio audience of millions, the Soviet party leader complained that despite what he termed the persistent efforts of the Soviet Union and its allies, the arms race continued on an unprecedented scale.

The stockpiling of weapons including those of mass annihilation has become more and more senseless, he added, "for the unleashing of nuclear war would result in destruction of the aggressor and tremendous damage to other countries, including those not formally involved in hostilities."

Mr Brezhnev did not make any specific proposals for achieving his aim. His words seemed primarily addressed to the delegations from Britain, France and especially the United States, invited to Moscow to attend the celebrations, when he said:

"It is obvious that it would be impossible in the long run to reconcile détente with a continuous increase in war potentials, with the perfection and stockpiling of weapons.

"It is time to proceed to actual reduction of military preparations by the various nations; and that is precisely what the Soviet Union strives for."

The party leader lauded the Vietnam communists for what he termed "the glorious victory of the Vietnam people over the foreign aggressors and their stooges", but he carefully steered clear of direct reference to American involvement. Instead, he predicted that the end of the war in Indo-China would help to clear the international atmosphere and promote détente, especially détente in Soviet-American relations.

Lord Mountbatten, in a statement recorded for Soviet television, said it was a thrill to be back in Moscow which he had so often visited as a youngster more than 60 years ago. He did not elaborate on his close ties with the Imperial family. He told the audience that when Hitler invaded Russia "everybody else seemed to think he was faced with certain victory. I was certain the Russians would never give in and Hitler would be defeated."

He added: "I was responsible for opening the Second Front and making plans for the invasion of France."

On Saturday, Lord Mountbatten will board the crack Red Arrow express for Leningrad to revisit places he knew.

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rst growth arets for le at auction

Geraldine Norman
Room Correspondent

radition is to be shattered June 6 at Christie's when 0 cases of the finest vintage s from the cellars of teaux Lafite and Mouton-schild are to be put up for

is the first occasion when reat vineyard has sold its s directly at auction, by-ing shippers, wholesalers, llers, and other middle men. e decision reflects the crisis he wine trade. With last 's collapse in prices after extraordinary speculative l caused by wine investors, Bordeaux market has ally ground to a halt.

e two growers are thus ing to augment the inflow sh to provide for the daily ing of vineyards and rs. But they also hope that ing attention dramatically e situation in Bordeaux will late interest and a renewal tivity.

nother aim is to remind the that wine is for drinking, cularly the superb first th clarets. The intention is t low reserve prices and he bidding find its own

ze items such as a jero- of 1945 Mouton may sell veral hundred pounds, but more plentiful 1966 and vintages are expected to £4 to £5 a bottle while 1969, 1970 and 1971 may r £3 to £4. These prices less than half those that iled a year ago.

e sale contains 1,146 lots, ng from single cases to ases, though with an accent maller quantities. It is er hoped by the growers the prices realized will benchmark against which rs and auctioneers can in e judge the value of fine thus bringing some order he present wildly fluctuat- arkets.

Ulster Convention opens with hint of the struggles still to come

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

Ulster's constitutional Convention opened yesterday with pleas for harmony but produced a promise of the struggles to come as SDLP and UUUC leaders turned from welcoming formalities to illustrate the gulf between them.

The brief session was not without its drama. At the end of the 40-minute sitting Mr Glen Barr, UUUC and Vanguard, told the Chair he would not take any further part because he wanted "loyalist" prisoners moved from Britain to serve their sentences in Ulster. He then walked out without registering as a member.

His colleagues in the coalition were the first to take their places in the chamber, sitting in the seats usually occupied by the Northern Ireland government. The Rev Ian Paisley arrived early and sat in the place from which he was forcibly carried out during the Assembly's days.

As 12.30 pm and the start of proceedings drew near, the other parties trickled in. The SDLP took the places of the opposition, the Alliance Party sat near the crossbenches and lastly, the tiny band of Mr Brian Faulkner's Unionist Party of Northern Ireland entered, huddling on the expanse of blue leather behind their former partners in the power-sharing executive.

Sir Robert Lowry, the chairman, read a message of good luck from Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, then told the Convention: "Our people have drained the cup of suffering. Some have been touched more closely and poignantly than others. The day of our suffering has been long."

Mr Harry West, leader of the Official Unionists and one of the triumvirate in control of the UUUC, said there had been

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Miners going back to coal board for threshold deal

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Miners' union leaders are to go back to the National Coal Board to ask for a threshold arrangement to compensate for cost-of-living rises since their pay increases in February of up to 35 per cent.

The move, decided by the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday, is likely to stiffen the railway unions' resolve to win pay increases considerably above the 21.2 per cent offered by British Rail.

The miners pressed for an ongoing threshold clause during their February negotiations, but that was rejected by the coal board on the ground that the social contract prohibited pay deals that looked forward as well as back at price movements.

The board did, however, agree that if the union could provide evidence that another industry had made a similar deal, it would be prepared at least to listen. It is understood the miners will want the board to examine the Post Office pay agreement, which included a clause giving increases of one per cent for each one per cent rise in the retail price index after it reached 10 per cent above the January level.

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A conciliatory mood on Finance Bill

The Finance Bill began its Parliamentary progress yesterday with MPs in a conciliatory mood (our Parliamentary Correspondent writes). Sir Geoffrey Howe, shadow Chancellor, said that in the face of the common mortal danger threatening the country, individuals and parties must forgo many of their policies

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Marriage of equals

The Church of England plans to introduce a marriage service in modern language which will treat the couple as equal partners. The bride will acknowledge that her earnings as well as her husband's are to be shared

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Footpath appeal upheld

The Court of Appeal has reclassified as a bridleway a road in Kent downgraded by the Secretary of State for the Environment to a footpath, not to be used by horses. The case, which was fought by the British Horse Society, is going to the House of Lords

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Remarkable all-round cricket from Boyce

Keith Boyce scored the fastest hundred in the county cricket championship for 19 years when he reached three figures in 58 minutes for Essex against Leicestershire at Chelmsford. Boyce then took five for seven and held two catches

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Pickets strike threat

The announcement yesterday by the Home Secretary that the two jailed Shrewsbury building site pickers have been refused parole is expected to provoke renewed calls for a general strike when the TUC general council meets in two weeks' time

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Bram Fischer dies

Mr Bram Fischer, leader of the banned South African Communist Party, died of cancer yesterday, aged 67. He was staying at his brother's home in Bloemfontein, though technically still serving a life jail term

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Pound falls further

The pound plumbed new depths on the foreign exchanges yesterday. Its floating devaluation against 10 key currencies compared with three years ago worsened from 23.5 to 23.8 per cent—the weakest level ever. On the stock market equities maintained their firm tone. The *FT* Index closed 8.2 higher at 331.1

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Sellers' market near for smaller homes, sales survey shows

By Our Estates Correspondent

Evidence that the market for small dwellings is moving away from the house buyer in favour of the seller is given in the latest survey by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Department of the Environment, covering the *quarter ended February 28.* The institution says present trends may lead to acute shortages of cheaper housing.

The survey shows that, rather than the customary seasonal lull, *completed house* sales improved over those of the previous quarter and were well above the corresponding *period* last year. That had led to shortages at the bottom end of the market, but the *demand* for expensive property remained slack.

The number of houses on the market, and the average length of time taken to sell one, both fell. The continuing shortage of new flats and houses, combined with the improved availability of building society funds, are believed to be the possible reason for the increased demand.

Mr John Thomas, deputy chairman of the institution's public affairs committee, commenting on the survey, said fewer houses had been built because developers were not willing to take risks in view of uncertainties over the Government's policies on such matters as development land and guaranteeing mortgages. Builders could not build without sites and would not build unless they could be sure of purchasers.

Motion for 'working coalition' is tabled

By Our Political Editor

As Conservative backbenchers increasingly discuss privately the need for an ad hoc alliance with Labour moderates to deal with Britain's impending economic crisis, a group of younger MPs last night took up the theme of yesterday's leading article in *The Times*, "Near the end of the Line", and called in an early-day motion for what might be called a working coalition.

The motion tabled last night reads: "That this House notes that 491 hon members last night combined to defeat a left-wing *attempt to denude Britain of* adequate means of self defence; and trusts that this large majority will find other occasions to work together in the coming weeks, in the belief that Britain's only hope of preserving sanity and democracy depends on the willingness of all moderate politicians to work together to defeat inflation."

Main signatories are Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington), Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East), Mr Cecil Parkinson (Hertfordshire, South), Mr Robert Hicks (Bodmin), Mr Kenneth Baker (City of Westminster, St Marylebone), and Mr Douglas Hurd (Oxon, Mid).

Several of the signatories are Opposition junior whips, and Mr Hurd is a former lieutenant of Mr Heath.

Report on rebels: No immediate disciplinary action has been taken against the 56 Labour backbenchers who voted against the Government's defence policy in the Commons on Wednesday (our Political Correspondent writes).

Mr Mellish, Government Chief Whip, will report the situation to Mr Wilson today and point out that four parliamentary private secretaries were among the dissenting MPs. The four were: Mr Edge (Aldridge-Brownhills), Mr Roy Hughes (Newport), Mr Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk) and Mr Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Bar). The rebel group was made up of 45 members of the *Tribune* Group and 11 other Labour backbenchers (who included Mr Kilroy-Silk). They were joined by three Welsh Nationalists.

Mood of conciliation as Finance Bill gets second reading

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

There was a striking mood of conciliation, if perhaps not yet coalition, in the Commons yesterday as the second Finance Bill of the year began its parliamentary progress.

From the Treasury bench the Chancellor, by the *normally* bombastic standards of Mr Healey's oratory, was roaring as gently as any sucking dove. From the Conservative front bench Sir Geoffrey Howe, the shadow Chancellor, told the House that in the face of the common mortal danger now threatening the nation there were many policies and objectives which individuals and parties *must be prepared to forgo.*

Sir Geoffrey's words were in marked contrast to the angry and bitter reaction of the Tory front bench to the earlier Finance Bill, completed only in March. The decline of sterling and the continued refusal of many important trade unions to curb their wage claims had had a sobering effect on Opposition thinking.

With the activities of Mr Wedgwood Benn clearly in the forefront of his mind, Sir Geoffrey gave a warning that now was not the time for anyone to seek to bring about irreversible shifts of power between sections of the nation.

Mr Healey deserved the support of the whole Government, Sir Geoffrey urged, and he went on to praise the Chancellor for the courage of his words if not his deeds. There was no easy prescription for our difficulties and it would be desperately hard to secure acceptance and understanding of the uncomfortable remedies *that were necessary.*

It would be harder still, Sir Geoffrey told MPs, to do that in a way compatible with the continuing authority of parliamentary government. Britain, he said, was getting very near to the end of the line. Now was the time for seeking a programme for the reconstruction of the nation.

Sir Geoffrey said that the Conservative Party, although *not agreeing* with everything in the Finance (No 2) Bill, would not be voting against the second reading. It was universally accepted, he said, that the Chancellor would have to take action swiftly. No Budget had been overtaken by more rapidly events.

The main burden of the Conservative case was that there should be a far more decisive *onslaught* on the amount of public borrowing. They had now reached the limit of the nation's taxable capacity and that restricted the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre.

Sir Geoffrey went on to criticize the Government's legislative programme which, he said, was not so much a rake's progress as a positive rush of gadarene rakes.

From the Government front bench Mr Healey accepted that his measures were *not popular*, but he pleaded with the House to accept that there was no other way out of the nation's difficulties. The choice was not for him but for the British people as a whole. Either they moderated their demands for income they had not earned or moderation would have to be imposed through the tax system.

The Chancellor told the House that he was planning a major reform of tax in next year's Budget which would include action on fringe benefits and would take into account the *evidence of the* Royal Commission on Distribution of Income and Wealth. That, he said, would be part of a general revision of tax rates in the light of the capital transfer tax, the forthcoming wealth tax and changes in the capital gains tax.

The Government, Mr Healey said, would have liked to avoid many of the measures in the Bill. In a democratic country *government*, on its own decisions alone, could not determine how the economy would operate. If people insisted on increases in money incomes far beyond the cost of living the Chancellor, whoever he was, would be compelled to keep the economy in balance by raising taxes and cutting public expenditure.

He reminded the House that most working people had settled their wage claims within the voluntary guidelines set down by the TUC. He accepted that it was unfair that those who got the crumbs should have to pay the bill for those who grabbed the plums. Mr Healey said he frankly admitted that his last Budget, to a great extent, was simply the inevitable reaction to the inability of our society as a whole to match the needs of the moment.

The Bill was given a second reading by 182 votes to 22, Government majority 160.

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Strike call as pickets are refused parole

By Our Labour Staff

Renewed calls for a one-day general strike will be made when the TUC General Council meets in two weeks' time, after the announcement yesterday that the two Shrewsbury building workers' pickets have been refused parole.

The anger of left wingers in the trade union movement was rekindled by a statement in the Commons by the Home Secretary that the Parole Board had decided not to release the two men on May 15, the earliest possible date. Mr Jenkins added that he had no power to override the *board, but in view of the* recently changed attitude in prison of the two men he had directed that their case should be specially reviewed "in due course".

Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary of the film technicians' union, who first proposed a strike, said that the TUC still had before it his motion, which had been taken up by Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and *General Workers' Union, to* which one of the men belongs.

"The TUC should have called a strike eight weeks ago and I still think that they should", Mr Sapper said.

Mr Ray Buckton, leader of the train drivers, said that the likelihood of parole had been one of the factors holding back the TUC from militant action.

Mr George Smith, general secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, said: "Building workers cannot be expected to have any respect for the law when they see it manipulated against them by people for *their own purposes. While we* admit that offences were committed, we still maintain that there has been a misapplication and abuse of the law."

Mr Eric Tomlinson and Mr *Dennis Warren were jailed for* three years and two years respectively after being convicted of conspiracy, unlawful assembly and causing an affray while picketing sites in Shropshire during the 1972 national building strike.

Backbench Labour MP attacks his leaders

An attack on the leadership of the Labour Party was made last night by a left-wing backbencher, Mr Norman Atkinson, a constant challenger to Mr Callaghan for the party treasurership.

Mr Atkinson said that such was the critical significance of the economic crisis facing the *British people that it* "may even be necessary for the Labour Party to demand leadership changes.

"Much depends upon the remedial measures chosen by the Government", he said. "We now know that it is the Prime Minister's intention to rebuild his Government after the referendum. Whether or not his new forces receive endorsement from the wider Labour movement depends on the policies with which they are associated".

The critical character of the crisis could not be exaggerated, Mr Atkinson told a meeting in London. Roaring inflation at home and a huge deficit overseas smelt ominously of pending collapse.

He said: "The Treasury, it seems, supported by leading Cabinet ministers and the Tory Front Bench, are heading direct for further deflationary measures of the most severe kind. Forced wage restraint and further welfare cuts are inevitable if they *stick to* orthodox remedies."

The conventional remedies must mean unprecedented unemployment, a wage freeze, tax increases and welfare cuts.

Dublin fears British decision to quit Ulster

From Christopher Walker
Dublin

When Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, visits Paris for an EEC function today he will find himself quickly buttonholed by members of the Dublin Government anxious to switch the conversation to the implications of the recent Ulster elections.

The discussions will be the *first of a number, formal* and informal that the Irish hope to hold with the British during the next few weeks. They will be doing their best to elicit a further assurance that the British Government will continue to strive for some form of power sharing in the North.

More significantly, the Irish ministers will emphasize the dangers they foresee in any British plan to withdraw. Although they have received pledges to the contrary in the past, there is genuine concern in Dublin about what is seen as the growing tide of public opinion in Britain in favour of pulling out.

In public, the Irish Prime Minister, Mr Cosgrave, and his *colleagues have been striving* for some time to maintain a low profile on Ulster ("so low", *The Irish Press* said yesterday, "that a worm would have to pin back its ears to crawl under it").

But in reality, since the "loyalist" coalition's landslide there has been a mood of growing despair. A government official explained:

It may not show on the surface, but privately there has been a mood of great depression since the weekend. There is a feeling that it could be a dangerous summer and an even more dangerous autumn.

The "loyalist" victory was received with added bitterness because of a number of unsuccessful attempts to convince the British that the elections should be put off at least until September, if the moderates were to have any chance.

In line with Mr Rees, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Dublin ministers are refusing to discuss in public the options they now see in the likely event of the Convention's breaking down. But, behind closed doors, that topic has already occupied ministerial time.

Inevitably, one subject that has come to the forefront is the role envisaged in a "doomsday situation" for the 11,000-strong Irish Army. Last year Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, suggested that the troops would be able to hold only one, or possibly two, towns in the North. The Minister for Defence, Mr Donegan, refused in a television interview this week to say whether *there were any circumstances* in which he could foresee troops crossing the border.

The reluctance to speak openly is claimed by the Fianna Fail opposition as evidence of a lack of a coherent policy on the North. Already this week there has been one parliamentary clash between Mr Cosgrave and the Opposition leader, Mr Lynch. If concrete assurances are not received from the British, other clashes are certain.

Among many Irish citizens, including the thousands flocking to Dublin for the famous Spring Show, the one desire seems to be to avoid any involvement with Ulster or its violence. "I would support any party that would guarantee to keep us out", a farmer from co Wicklow said. "We have enough of our own problems without bothering with that lot."

Warning by 'loyalists' as Ulster convention opens

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a lot of talk about power-sharing, participation and partnership, and the commentators had attempted to interpret the UUUC's views. "We will not 'kick the minority around', nor do we reject any individual because of his religious beliefs."

He added:

While we strongly believe that power at the top has to be allocated according to the majority verdict of the electorate, we naturally have nothing against coalitions, or coalition governments, but these must come about openly through electoral pacts and understandings over which the electorate has a certain control."

If that sounded promising to the listening SDLP, Mr West went on to say:

We will work in partnership in many matters even with those who hold sentiments and hopes of a united Ireland either now or in the future, however distant, but whatever others may consent to *do, we are not going to be* responsible for allowing the hand of such a person to be laid on the actual steering wheel of the state.

Clearly with Westminster in mind, he said that was the will of the *great majority, and no constitu*tion which ignored that will would fulfil the Government's criterion of being widely accepted.

There could be power sharing at other levels and "if people *are to act responsibly they need* to be given responsibility". It was a speech that some saw directed perhaps towards the Alliance or some members of the UPNI. There was some feeling that Mr West should not have intruded politics into the day's dignity.

Mr Gerard Fitt, leader of the SDLP, said: "I believe Mr West has opened certain doors, but I believe in another context that he is saying that certain attitudes would be taken in the future and, if this is to be so, one *cannot approach the* Convention with any degree of optimism." The Convention could not succeed until it recognized what had created the problems of the past. There *could never again be a situa*tion where one group dominated and another had to remain in a submissive minority position.

An assassination attempt was made early yesterday on Mr Seamus Costello, a leader of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, as the feud between his group and the official IRA continued. Mr Costello was driving through Waterford, in the Irish Republic, when the pillion passenger on a motor cycle fired 18 to 20 rounds at his car with a sub-machinegun.

Later, Mr Desmond O'Hagan, editor of the *United Irishman*, the organ of the official IRA, claimed that an attempt had been made to shoot him as he was approaching his office in Dublin.

The search continued for two Provisional IRA prisoners who escaped on Wednesday night from Magilligan camp.

NUJ would be victimized, Mr Foot says

Lord Goodman's amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill could lead to "all the wretched contraptions" of the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, being applied to the National Union of Journalists alone, Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, says in a letter today.

Mr Foot, replying in *The Times Literary Supplement* to a letter by a distinguished group of writers, says the amendments would have the effect of *applying a special* Industrial Relations Act to one industry. The NUJ would be picked out from other unions.

While admitting that the Bill would permit closed shops in newspapers, Mr Foot says a whole series of other developments would have to precede them, and trusts that the "liberal example" of the NUJ executive's view on the subject will be followed.

He criticizes the writers' "tendentious" statement that NUJ members could be expelled without right of appeal and says safeguards are or will be available.

Lord Houghton to chair party funds body

By Our Political Staff

Lord Houghton of Sowerby, the former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is to be chairman of the committee to consider whether taxpayers' money should be used to finance political party activities and organized outside Parliament.

The Labour, Conservative, and Liberal parties are all in financial straits after two general elections last year, and that may well induce party managers to argue strongly for state financing of the parties outside Parliament to preserve *democracy.*

However, there are certainly some Conservative MPs who will insist that it is not a burden that should be placed on the taxpayer irrespective of his *political affiliations, and that* state subventions might weaken rather than strengthen party political democracy.

Members of the Houghton committee are:

Sir Tatton Brinton, formerly Conservative MP for Kidderminster *and joint treasurer of the Con*servative Party; Sir Edmund Compton, formerly Comptroller and Auditor General and Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration; Mr Ian Aitken, political correspondent, *The Guardian*; *Professor* M. P. Fogarty, formerly vice-president of the Liberal Party; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, formerly general secretary, NUR; Professor D. N. MacCormick, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Edinburgh University; Dr W. E. J. McCarthy, Nuffield College, Oxford; Mrs M. Thomas, wife of Mr Jeffrey Thomas, QC, MP; Mr Reginald Underhill, national agent, Labour Party; Sir John Wall, chairman, Burrup Mathleson and Co (Holdings) Ltd and one member yet to be announced.

The House of Commons has already carried a motion to give financial assistance to opposition parties in carrying out parliamentary business, and a Commons committee is considering whether improvements can be made in support facilities for backbenchers.

Coroner urges safety check at waste tip

Redland Purle, owners of a waste tip at Pitsea, Essex, where a lorry driver died from poisonous fumes, were urged by the coroner at the inquest yesterday to review safety procedures.

Dr Charles Clarke was speaking after a verdict of accidental death had been recorded at Brentwood on Mr Thomas Carroll, aged 32.

Evidence was given that Mr *Carroll was overcome in his* cab by fumes when his 1,500-gallon load of chemical waste reacted with waste dropped minutes earlier, to produce hydrogen sulphide.

The fumes were as rapidly fatal as cyanide, and even coins in Mr Carroll's pockets changed colour.

Mr Leonard Diamond, the driver who deposited the first load, said he was behind Mr Carroll's lorry as they approached the dumping area.

Mr Carroll drove past the trench, so Mr Diamond began discharging, thinking Mr Carroll had gone to find a different trench. "But he turned round and came back and stopped within a yard of my lorry", Mr *Diamond said.* "I apologized to him for being first."

Mr Charles Hargrove, a supervisor, said he told Mr Diamond to put his load into a dry trench but did not remember *Mr Carroll coming to him* for instructions. "We were very busy and I just do not remember him", he said.

Mr Carroll was seen slumped in his cab by other drivers and a kiss of life failed to revive him.

Mr David John, general manager of Land Reclamation Ltd, a subsidiary of Redland Purle, described the tip as "a tremendous undertaking with vast amounts of solid and liquid waste. The safety record is very good. This is the first man who has lost his life on the site."

Dr John Peal, of Basildon Hospital, said that the cause of death was acute suffocation after inhaling vomit which was *caused by inhaling of noxious* gas.

Nine sent for trial in bomb plot case

Nine Irishmen of whom six are accused of the murder of 21 people in the Birmingham public house bombings last year, were *sent for trial by Birmingham* magistrates yesterday at Birmingham Crown Court. All nine are charged with conspiracy to cause explosions.

Counsel for eight of them will *ask Mr Justice Bridge at the* Crown Court on Monday to move the trial away from Birmingham, possibly to Manchester or Lancaster.

Ultimatum for print workers

Some provincial newspaper managements have given printing workers who are taking industrial action 24 hours to conform to their contracts or face dismissal or other disciplinary action, the Newspaper Society said yesterday.

The dispute, which has disrupted production of several newspapers, is over a 32½ per cent pay offer, which has been *rejected by the* National Graphical Association and the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers.

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In brief

Jump saves lift crash man

A man in a falling lift escaped almost unhurt yesterday by jumping into the air a moment before impact. Four men with him were seriously injured.

Mr James Shearer, aged 27, a glazier, was in an industrial lift which fell 60ft at a Liverpool building site. He suffered slight ankle injuries.

Solicitor jailed

Richard Scholes, aged 32, a solicitor, of Holme Island, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, who on Wednesday was found guilty at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, of a number of charges concerning a £2,400,000 bid for an estate in Hertfordshire, was sentenced yesterday to four years' imprisonment.

'Life' for teacher

Peter Price, aged 36, a schoolteacher, of Glascote Heath, Tamworth, Staffordshire, was jailed at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday for life for murdering a girl of 16, one of his former pupils, who wanted to end their love affair. The *jury found him guilty* by a majority of 10 to two.

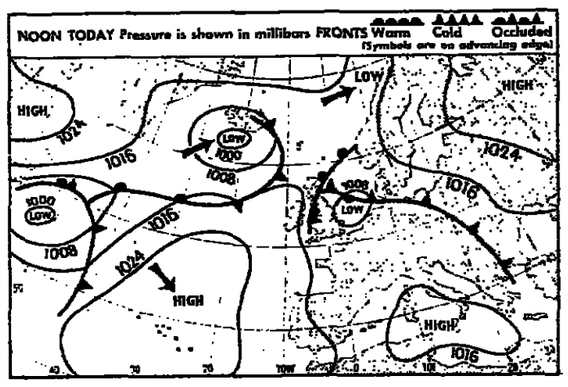
Passport for sculptor

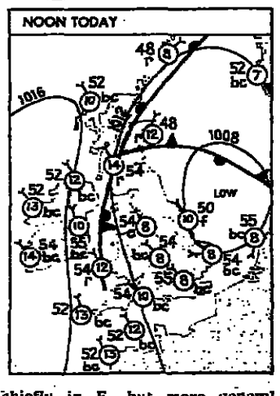
Uxbridge magistrates, Middlesex, gave permission yesterday for Mario Cerina, a sculptor, to have his passport returned so that he can complete a bust of M Giscard d'Estaing, the French President. Mr Cerina was further remanded on bail until July 3 charged with illegally exporting £37,000 in Bank of England notes in May, 1974.

Raiders get £12,500

Refuse collectors threw dustbins at an armed gang who stole £12,500 from a wages van outside the National Westminster bank in High Street, Smethwick, Staffordshire, yesterday. A security guard was struck with an iron bar during the raid.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.19 am Sun sets: 8.36 pm
Moon rises: Moon sets: 4.14 am 6.56 pm
New Moon: May 11.

Lighting up: 9.6 pm to 4.48 am.
High water: London Bridge, 1.23 am, 6.5m (21.3ft); 1.48 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Avonmouth, 6.53 am, 11.7m (38.5ft); 7.11 pm, 12.0m (39.5ft). Dover, 10.58 am, 5.9m (19.3ft); 11.13 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft). Hull, 5.49 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 5.56 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Liverpool, 10.56 am, 8.5m (27.8ft); 11.18 pm, 8.5m (28.0ft).

Pressure continues low to E and SE of the British Isles.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

SE, Central S England, East Anglia, Channel Isles: showers or longer periods of rain at first, probably brightening later, fog patches on coasts; wind mainly E or NE, light or moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

SW England: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, some hill and coast fog; wind NE, light; max temp 13°C (55°F).

London, Midlands, Central N England: Rather cloudy with showers or a period of rain, probably brightening later; wind mainly N, light; max temp 15°C (59°F).

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland, Aberdeen: Mostly cloudy with showers or a period of rain, some hill and coast fog, probably brightening inland; wind N, moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright intervals, perhaps rain at times later; wind N, light; max temp 14°C (57°F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, rain at times; wind N, light; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Mainly dry, bright intervals; wind N, moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Moray Firth, Caithness, Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals, perhaps occasional rain; wind N, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for the weekend: Probably sunny intervals with showers, chiefly in E, but more general rain in NW later.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind variable, light or moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N, moderate, locally fresh; sea moderate.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

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Algiers	s	21	70	Copenhgn	s	13	55	Locarno	r	17	63	Nicosia	c	25	77
Amsterm	s	15	59	Dublin	r	10	50	London	s	17	63	Oslo	s	11	52
Athens	s	23	73	Edinburgh	r	10	50	Luxemburg	s	16	61	Ottawa	s	20	68
Barcelona	s	20	68	Florence	r	17	63	Madrid	s	18	64	Paris	s	15	59
Beirut	c	21	70	Funchal	c	16	61	Majorca	s	22	72	Reykjavik	r	5	41
Belfast	r	7	45	Geneva	s	16	61	Malaga	s	20	68	Rome	s	18	64
Berlin	s	17	63	Gibraltar	s	17	63	Malta	s	22	72	Salzburg	c	9	48
Biarritz	c	13	55	Guernsey	c	11	52	Manchstr	r	12	54	Stockholm	s	12	54
Birmingham	r	12	54	Helsinki	s	20	68	Miami	s	26	79	Tel Aviv	s	25	77
Bristol	c	12	54	Innsbruck	r	18	64	Montreal	c	14	57	Toronto	c	17	63
Brussels	r	13	55	Istanbul	c	16	61	Moscow	r	12	54	Venice	s	18	64
Budapest	r	19	66	Jersey	r	9	48	Munich	s	13	55	Vienna	fg	17	63
Cardiff	r	11	52	L Palmas	s	20	68	Naples	s	19	66	Warsaw	r	15	59
Chicago	c	17	63	Lisbon	r	15	59	Nice	r	15	59	Zurich	s	18	64
Cologne	c	15	59												

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, May 8

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max Temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	—	.08	11	52	Fog am
Bridlington	—	.03	10	50	Fog am
Cromer	11.1	—	13	55	Sunny
Clacton	12.3	—	13	55	Sunny
Margate	11.4	.02	13	55	Sunny
S COAST					
Hastings	5.7	.02	14	57	Sun ints
Eastbourne	6.5	.05	14	57	Sun ints
Brighton	5.5	.03	17	63	Cloudy
Worthing	8.5	.03	15	59	Cloudy
Bognor R	1.3	.10	15	59	Drizz am
Sandown	—	.10	12	54	Dull
Bournemth	—	.16	13	55	Drizz am
Exmouth	—	.02	15	59	Rain pm
Torquay	0.7	.08	12	54	Rain
Falmouth	1.3	—	10	50	Cloudy
W COAST					
Douglas	3.6	.57	10	50	Rain
Morecambe	5.0	.03	17	63	Sun pds
Blackpool	4.3	.04	16	61	Cloudy
Southport	4.0	.17	13	55	Cloudy
Morecambe	0.6	.04	12	54	Showers
Newquay	7.8	—	11	52	Cloudy

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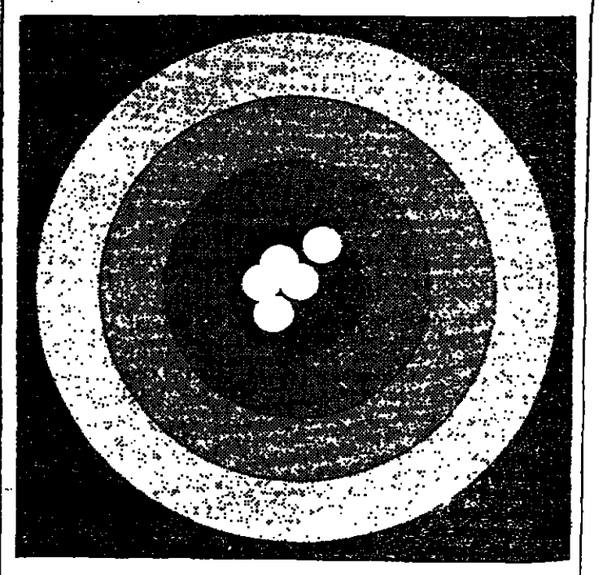

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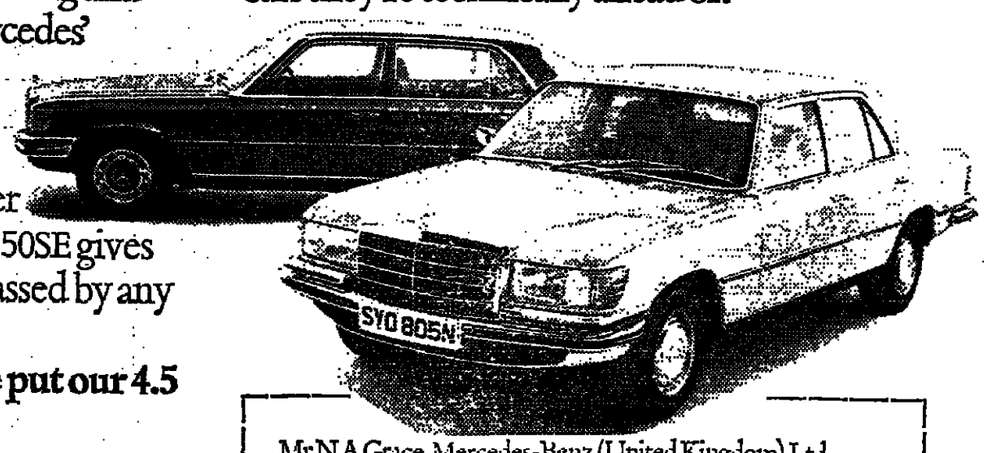

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HOME NEWS

OECD report critical of Civil Service role in education ministry

By David Dickson
of *The Times Higher Education Supplement*

Sharp criticisms of the way British education policy is formulated and decided are made in an as yet unpublished report prepared by American, German and French education experts.

They condemn civil servants in the Department of Education and Science for remoteness and secrecy and accuse them of exploiting all the power to which they are entitled to maintain their hold on education policy. The report says the department attempts to limit education planning to those areas over which it has strict control, and that it attempts to minimize controversy in the planning process and its results.

It argues that although the civil servants have limited authority they have significant power, "and they do not waste what power they have"; it claims the department preserves its powerful position by combining the task of coherent planning with defensive tactics. Open planning procedures such as public hearings and public participation are excluded, it says, and argues that the emphasis on control rather than identifying problems "severely constricts the role which planning for education could play in the general social development of the country".

The report, which appears exclusively and in full this week in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, was commissioned as part of a programme of investigations into educational planning in the member states of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Completed last summer, it has been withheld apparently at the request of the Department of Education and Science, which planned to release it later this year with the report of a meeting at which department officials answered questions from the OECD investigating team.

The authors, Professor Charles Frankel of Columbia University, Herr Reimut Jockimsen of the West German *Education Ministry* and M Maurice Niveau, chairman of the OECD Education Committee, were asked to limit their investigations to the long-term strategy for educational development in England and Wales as reflected in the 1972 White Paper, *Education: A Framework for Expansion*, and to the planning process which led to the decisions and directives it contained. They concluded:

What we miss is the use of greater daring in the delineation of new paths of learning and of new institutional and administrative developments which would allow education to respond and at the same time contribute to changes in society.

They specified four chief omissions:
Failure to include adequate provision for adult education and the 16-19 age group;
Failure to set new educational goals for a changing world;
Failure to relate the educational system to other departments with educational interests;
Failure to provide a long-term prospective for public sector higher education.

The report says that the department attempts to understate as much as possible the full role of government in the determination of education policy "and even to minimize it in the eyes of the general public". But it does add that the 1972 White Paper had merit for "its bold attempt" to tackle the problem of the overall balance of resource allocation.

Modern-language Anglican marriage service treats couple as equals

A modern-language marriage service which regards the couple as equal partners is announced today by the Church of England. The bride's vows include recognition that her own earnings as well as her husband's are to be shared.

The church's liturgical commission, which produced the service, says that it emphasizes the mutual help and comfort that each ought to give the other in marriage.

"This is the one certain lifelong need in every marriage, whereas sexual intercourse and childbearing may not be appropriate in every case and are unlikely to be a dominant feature of the later years", the commission says.

"Second, we have tried to express more positive Christian acceptance and enjoyment of sexuality as a great gift of God and not as a grudging concession 'for the avoidance of fornication'."

The service, which is intended as an alternative to the form set out in the Church of England's 1662 prayer book and the modifications introduced in 1928, has to be discussed by the church's General Synod and may be approved for use by July, 1976.

The service also provides for the couple to exchange rings and does away with the need for the bride to be given away, though leaving it as optional.

The bride's promise to obey her husband is dropped from the vows, but she can say it if she wishes. "This should be done only at the bride's request and not at the insistence of priest or parents", the commission says.

The service, while in the modern idiom, retains some words and phrases which, the commission says, have sunk so deeply into English life. The phrase "till death us do part" is retained. But the tongue-twisting "and thereto I plight thee my troth", said by the bridegroom in the 1662 version, is replaced by "and this is my solemn vow".

A series of responses said by the congregation are designed to sound a note of joy and thanksgiving previously muted or absent.

New prefacing remarks by the priest replace those of 1662 which speak of marriage as being ordained for "the procreation of children . . . a remedy against sin and to avoid fornication . . ." and only thirdly "for mutual society, help and comfort".

In the new service the priest will say that marriage is given so that husband and wife may comfort and help each other "living faithfully together in good times and bad; that they may know each other with delight and tenderness in acts of love; and that they may, as parallel change is made in the be blessed in the procreation, care ... and upbringing of children".

The consents, in which each takes the other "to have and hold, in sickness and in health ... live and to cherish till death do part", largely follow traditional wording.

On giving the ring, the ... says: "I give you this ... with sign of our marriage ... that my body I honour you ... that I I am I give to you ... With my I have I share with you."

The bride responds that I am body I honour you ... that I have I give to you, and I share with you."

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... parallel change is made in the ... ions, called in church in the ... weeks preceding the marriage. Instead of asking the congregation to declare "any cause or just impediment" to the marriage, he will say: "If any of you know any reason in law why these persons may not marry ... you are to declare it."

The Venerable Ronald Jasper, Archdeacon of Westminster, chairman of the commission, said the service regarded the couple as equal partners, instead of the husband being the head of the family

The commission also announce a shorter, simpler baptism service rewritten in contemporary English which must go before the synod for approval. A dialogue between priest and congregation has been replaced by a monologue, home or elsewhere.

followed by a congregational prayer.

The Wedding Service (report by the Liturgical Commission of the General Synod of the Church of England, SPCK, 25p).

Bishops against ostentation: A survey conducted among Church of England bishops after some had complained about the cost of maintaining large official residences shows that they are against ostentatious living

The church's House of Bishops says: "Bishops should not, and have no desire to, live ostentatiously. But if a bishop is to do his work properly and efficiently, he needs a larger house than he would require just for himself and his family. Such a house would contain 12 main rooms, six reception and six bedrooms."

The bishops were divided over whether it was best to have the bishop's "office" at his home or elsewhere.

Tories will retain the arbitration service

A future Conservative government would retain the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, Mr Prior, Opposition spokesman on employment, said yesterday. He gave that pledge at the first sitting of the Commons Standing Committee on the Employment Protection Bill, which establishes the service on a statutory basis.

Mr Prior, calling for the service to be truly independent, said: "We want it to succeed. We want it to plan ahead on the basis that it is a permanent institution."

He said the service should be seen to be fully independent. Its employees should be treated in the same way as employees of private sector companies rather than civil servants. There was a suspicion that, because of its former connexion with the Department of Employment, the service might be subject to pressures which the Secretary of State might wish to exert upon it from time to time.

Mr Booth, Minister of State for Employment, said it was the Government's intention and wish that the service should be completely independent. The whole purpose of the Bill was to ensure that.

"The terms of the Bill make it clear that there is no legal power for the Government to bring any pressure on the service", he said.

Referring to possible parliamentary questions concerning the service and the right of MPs to obtain information, he said they were working on the assumption that information would be provided by the service on a voluntary basis.

Modern greenhouses have over the past eight years replaced the Victorian ones at Hyde Park Nurseries, London, which supply 220,000 plants a year to the royal parks and government buildings.

Social work people 'must know children'

Social workers must be released by their employers for further training if they are to develop more skills in preventing battered baby cases, the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work said yesterday, in response to a ministerial request to consider the training implications of the Maria Colwell inquiry report.

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, asked the council to ensure that future training programmes gave prominence to aspects of social work practice brought out by the report.

She said it was essential that those working with children should be helped to acquire skills in communicating with them and interpreting their reactions, be trained to investigate fully any family with whom a child in care was to live and to understand that the blood tie was not absolute

In its monthly bulletin the council said the basic training of social workers already covered those points, but it accepted that the skills needed should be further developed. It was already developing further training for qualified staff, but the regular short courses, workshops and seminars on issues arising from the Maria Colwell inquiry were not enough.

"There is a need in addition for practice to be provided in direct work with children", the bulletin said. "This means that facilities and resources need to be provided by employers for social workers to undergo further training after qualifying".

The Maria Colwell report provides valuable teaching material and the council hopes it will be used as such, the bulletin said.

Meanwhile, the publicity over the Colwell and similar cases was blamed yesterday at the annual conference in Eastbourne of the Association of Police Surgeons for changing the public image of social workers. Suddenly, they were no longer "goodies", but "a baddy, criticized and said to be responsible for the death of children battered by their parents", Mr Tom White, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said.

He pleaded for a more mature understanding of the difficulties involved to ensure a more compassionate response than the scapegoating demanded when errors led to tragic consequences.

Inquiry by MPs on animal research urged

Parliament should hold an inquiry into the use of animals for research, Mr Angus Maude, MP for Stratford upon Avon, told the hundredth public meeting of the National Anti-vivisection Society in London

The time had come for it to find out what was going on in this field, and exactly what alternatives were available to the use of living animals in experiments.

Parliament should ascertain the facts. It should discover how much research was genuinely necessary for the preservation of human life, rather than for human comfort

Miners' widows beg union for support

Miners' widows on coal board pensions of £2.38 a week yesterday took their children to a National Union of Mineworkers conference carrying placards and protesting that the men, who on Wednesday decided to back a £100 a week pay claim, had neglected their plight.

They received a promise of support from the South Wales miners' meeting at Porthcawl.

Mrs Edwina Purnell, aged 65, of the Rhondda, whose husband died four years ago of pneumoconiosis, urged delegates: "For God's sake, mend the wrong that has been done to us. You talk about this and that and you want £100 a week. Good luck to you, boys, you deserve it. But don't expect us to starve. We want a little pleasure out of life."

Mrs Megan Phillips, of Merthyr Tydfil, who led the demonstration by 70 widows and 12 fatherless children, said if the cost of living went up to merit £100 a week for miners, the widows must starve.

"There is only one thing the Government can do if a husband is killed in the mines: shoot all widows and their children. There would be no liability then."

Mrs Phillips received a lump sum of £150 and a weekly pension of £2.38 after her husband was killed in a mine accident in 1958.

She said: "I have to pay the same as you for a loaf of bread. How are we widows going to live?"

While Mrs Purnell and Mrs Phillips spoke to the ministers, the other demonstrators listened from the gallery. One boy, aged 15, held up a poster saying: "My dad was killed: help me."

Widows felt bitter, Mrs Phillips said. Those receiving £2.38 a week pension had not had an increase since 1968.

Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales president of NUM, told the demonstrators: "You have brought home the realities of the position to us. We will be approaching the Coal Board and the Government to seek redress on your behalf and to remove the anomaly in your pensions."

Why some English lamb joints are cheaper

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

Sunny spring weather directs the thoughts of many shoppers towards new season English lamb. However, some of the meat labelled "English lamb" now in supermarkets looks too cheap to be true. How can one shop sell a leg joint for less than 60p a pound while another charge more than 75p for a similar cut?

The answer is that the shopkeeper is not required to quote the animal's birthday on a label showing country of origin. Joints of English lamb slaughtered this year are likely to display the words "new season". A joint marked simply "English lamb" may be from last year, frozen for many months after slaughter.

New Zealand lambs have been making about 29p a pound on Smithfield market in London this week, while most 1975 English animals have commanded more than 40p. New season English chops cost about £1 a pound in shops and whole legs are between 68p and 78p.

Although wholesale beef prices have risen slightly, changes in shops are unlikely, especially if the weather is hot. There is nothing like a heatwave to make those who normally welcome a steaming joint of beef turn to something lighter: salmon, for example.

For those who can afford the fresh fish there is rather more Canadian salmon available now, although very little Scottish. Cuts of the former cost between £1 and £1.20 a pound and the latter more than £2. Fresh cooked crabs still cost about 38p a pound and cooked lobster can be a much as £4.50 a pound.

Miss Louise Davies, the Government's food prices consultant, says materials for green salads now offer good value, while tomatoes remain expensive. She also recommends rhubarb and grapefruit.

Apples and pears will cost more this weekend than last and there may also be some slight increase on frozen chicken. Imported asparagus has fallen in some shops to 45p a pound, although it will rarely be below 50p.

Prices of some sea fish will be higher than last weekend because of poor landings. Plaice and haddock fillets will probably exceed 65p a pound in some shops and cod fillets will be 50p to 60p. Wings of skate will cost well over 50p.

Lifeboatmen had busiest year in 1974

By a Staff Reporter

Lifeboats were called out nearly 3,000 times last year and 1,351 lives were saved. The Year of the Lifeboat as it was called, was the busiest the Royal National Life-boat Institution has known.

Presenting the annual report yesterday, Commander F. R. H. Swann, chairman of the institution, said: "It was a very arduous year with exceptionally bad weather

The Year of the Lifeboat marked the institution's 150th anniversary.

At the Festival Hall, London, yesterday 23 medals for gallantry were presented by the Duke of Kent, president of the RNLI.

Aberfan births rose after coal tip disaster

By Our Medical Correspondent

After the Aberfan coal tip disaster of 1966, in which 116 children and 28 adults died, the birthrate rose by about a third and stayed at that level for five years.

Only 14 families who had lost a child in the accident had further children, but other Aberfan parents between them had 428 children, 115 more than expected had the birth rate remained as before the disaster.

Reporting those findings in the *British Medical Journal* today, Dr R. Williams, of Merthyr Tydfil, and Dr Murray Parkes, of the Tavistock Institute, London, say the increased birthrate showed a wish by the community to regenerate socially. Families who stayed had not only repaired the damage but had been determined to bring something positive out of the ruins.

Morale in Aberfan is probably higher than ever, they add, so that while nothing can bring back the children who died, the disaster "had not been entirely destructive" in community terms.

Bail for 21 Iranians

Twenty-one Iranians who had been in custody since a demonstration at the Iranian Embassy on April 29 were freed on bail at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday. They were remanded until May 29, accused of conspiracy to trespass at the embassy.

Lawyers' pay curb would lower standards

By Our Legal Correspondent

Any attempt to redistribute wealth by placing an upper limit on the earnings of lawyers would lead to a lowering of the standards of legal service to the community, the Law Society says in its memorandum to the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth.

The prospect of permanent controls over the financial rewards available in the legal profession would result in the long run in a drastic decline in the quality of recruits, it says.

Successful practice in the legal profession was very closely dependent on an independence of mind and judgment, which in turn was more readily secured by financial independence.

"There is no evidence", the memorandum says, "to suggest that the professions are at the present time obtaining an excessive share of available talent amongst school and university leavers, and to discourage the present available flow by statutory limitations on earnings would present the professions with a serious problem and the nation as a whole with a bleak long-term outlook."

An independent and efficient legal profession has throughout history been the prized possession of democratic societies, it says. "It is upon the legal profession, in the last analysis, that the citizen must depend for protection against private or public injustice."

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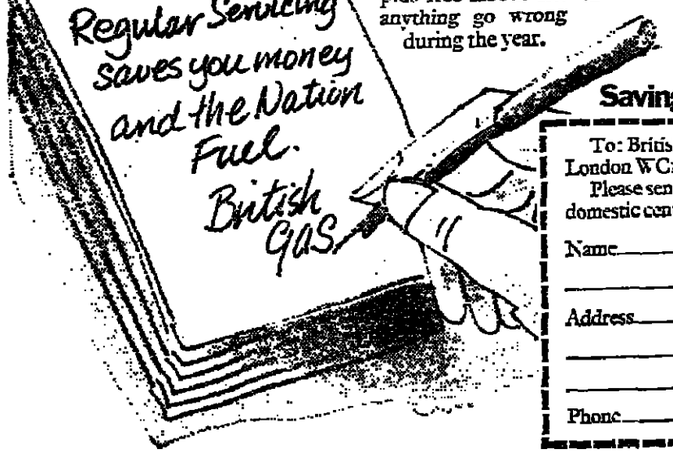

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Electricians vote to back contract after warning on survival

From Our Labour Editor
Douglas, Isle of Man

The social contract yesterday came in for its most withering public trade union appraisal so far from Mr Frank Chapple, the electricians' leader, who said it was largely irrelevant, but none the less imperative for the nation's economic survival.

Delegates to the policy-making conference of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union in Douglas, voted by two to one in support of the government's effort to contain inflation after Mr Chapple had argued that the TUC's version of wage restraint was better than nothing.

But Mr Chapple, chief negotiator of the 31 per cent increase for power station workers, which was criticized last month by the Department of Employment as a clear breach of the social contract, admitted that he did not have much faith in the ability of the unions to police wage movement.

His remarks are particularly timely, because the TUC economic committee meets on Wednesday to decide whether a new, less generous version of the contract should be launched at the annual congress in September.

Mr Chapple said after the pay debate that the original wage rise guidelines of the TUC's document, *Collective Bargaining and the Social Contract*, should have been firmer and added that a statutory incomes policy might be inevitable. He is likely to propose at next week's economics committee meeting that the next phase of TUC restraint should include a specific "norm" for pay rises and more control by the TUC over wage claims.

He told the conference: "The Government in their short months of office have honoured their pledge to the movement. We did not honour ours. Wages have gone on rising above prices."

But he asked delegates to reject a left-wing resolution which attacked the social contract as wage restraint in another guise and to support a moderate policy put forward by Manchester newspaper electricians, who said the Government was trying to create an atmosphere of public opinion in which excessive wage demands would be moderated.

The conference carried the moderate resolution overwhelmingly and in a division voted 364—165 against the militants' demand.

Contract opposed: The Civil and Public Services Association, the largest white-collar Civil Service union, representing 215,000 officials in clerical grades, *yesterday expressed* overwhelming opposition to the social contract on the final day of its annual conference in Margate.

Moderates were dismayed at the size of the majority against the contract but drew hope from their success in subsidiary elections for delegates to the Scottish and women's trade union congresses.

Left-wing actors defeated in Equity poll

By Our Arts Reporter

Left-wing candidates have suffered a heavy defeat in the election for the council of Equity, the actors' union, for 1975-76. The results show a shift from the vociferous reform movement and a considerable change in the balance of the council.

Last year the reformers were the largest single group on the council, but the election results published yesterday show that most new members are those thought to be politically to the right.

Alex McCrindle, vice-president, has lost his seat on the council, whose new members are:

Tony Britton, Donald Sinden, Michael Denison, Leonard Rossiter, John Barron, Hem[illegible] McGee, Geoffrey Edwards, [illegible]ohn Justin, Robert Flemyng, [illegible]rek Nimmo, Robert Bridges, [illegible]en Lambert, Clare Horne, [illegible] Richard Beale.

The Workers' Revolutionary Party, led by Vanessa and Corin Redgrave, now has no representation. Equity's annual meeting takes places in London on Sunday and Monday.

Black artists: Too few jobs in the theatre are given to *performers of Afro-Asian origin*, especially in repertory, which is regarded as the main training ground, an Equity report says.

Mr Peter Plouviez, the union's general secretary, said the reason was not overt racial prejudice—the profession had a good record in this respect—but ignorance and lack of imagination.

Townsmen in top hats for yesterday's annual Furry Dance in Helston, Cornwall. [illegible] Fred Shepherd

Tory resigns over Benn 'bullying' on stamps

By Our Political Editor

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury and a former Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday resigned from the Post Office stamp advisory committee in protest against Mr Wedgwood Benn's pressure for the issue of a stamp next year commemorating the trade unions.

When the advisory committee met yesterday Mr Ridley learnt of Mr Benn's move and of the Post Office's "reluctant" agreement. Although opposed to the idea, Mr Ridley stated, the advisory committee had agreed to consider designs for the stamps.

In his letter of resignation to Mr E. G. White, chairman of the committee, Mr Ridley wrote:

The Secretary of State has no powers to compel the Post Office to issue any particular stamp, let alone a politically motivated stamp, under the Post Office Act, 1969.

It is quite wrong that both the Post Office and the advisory committee should accede to his bullying. I am not myself prepared to serve on any advisory committee which gives way to improper and secret ministerial pressure.

I believe it would be obnoxious and offensive to millions of people in this country if the nationalized Post Office were to issue stamps giving the trade union movement a sort of public commendation at this time. Those of our people who are suffering from inflation, strikes, and impoverishment, the innocent victims of the so-called social contract, would take it as a public insult.

If the committee proceed with the issue of such stamps after my resignation, I suggest they might choose a portrait of Mr Shelepin [illegible] leader of the Russian trade union delegation to London] as one of their designs.

Mr Ridley, a leader of the right-wing Selsdon Group and a gifted House of Commons artist, is in effect joining in the Conservative attack on Mr Benn, whose political ambition and political success has only now begun to register as a serious danger to the continuance of political moderation and the mixed economy.

It is probably not merely fortuitous that Mr Ridley has acted as Mr Wilson returns from Washington to begin putting Mr Benn under curbs.

Scientists show how to bend spoons

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

A convincing demonstration of how to bend spoons and other metal objects without the aid of supernatural powers, as attributed to Uri Geller, was given last night to the Royal Society in London. A Scientist who showed how the trick could be done suggested that apart from removing the mystique of the so-called Geller effect, the discovery could be exploited to help to overcome the energy crisis.

They explain the whole thing as a phenomenon described as the mechanical memory of materials. The work on show has been done by Dr K. H. G. Ashbee, H. H. Wills physics laboratory, Bristol, and Dr L. M. Brown, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge.

Dr Ashbee says it works because many materials, particularly new alloys developed for the aerospace business, such as nickel-titanium substances, can be given two natural shapes. He demonstrated with a piece of wire which at room temperature was straight. When placed in a bath of warm water about 65°C the metal underwent a sudden transformation to a curved shape.

The scientists were demonstrating the invention of an engine using that process, which can be operated by placing it in a stream of warm water.

EEC REFERENDUM

The cover of the Labour Party's anti-EEC tabloid.

Labour case against membership

A cartoon vulture bearing down hungrily on a shackled and helpless Britannia dominates the front page of the Labour Party's anti-EEC tabloid, published yesterday. Alongside appears the grim warning: "Let's fight with both hands. No to the Common Market."

The cover of the four-page document also says in bold, black type: "Inflation . . . unemployment . . . on referendum day your future is up to you as never before. Is it really easier to win when crippled by Common Market rules?"

The document deals with food prices, Britain's trade bill and jobs, and speaks of "the laws that could close your factory". On the back is a picture of a smiling baby in a bathtub above a caption saying: "What sort of future lies ahead for him? He deserves the best life you can make for him. So do you. So does your family. On referendum day, as never before, you can give them that better *chance*".

The document can be bought by Labour constituency parties.

Poll Bill gets Royal Assent

The Referendum Bill received Royal Assent in the House of Lords last night, and next Tuesday the Commons will consider the Home Secretary's order providing for the June 5 referendum machinery.

Government estimates of the cost have now risen to £10.25m.

Odds on 'Yes' vote

William Hill, the bookmakers, yesterday reported heavy backing on the EEC referendum with odds of four to one on Britain staying in and five to two against coming out. Heaviest backing is for 60 to 65 per cent voting "Yes".

'Immoral pressure' on EEC opponents

By Roger Berthoud

Ruthless, unscrupulous, immoral and insidious pressures were being put on people in positions of authority not to identify with the Get Britain Out campaign, its chairman, Mr Christopher Frere-Smith, claimed at a press conference in London yesterday.

He was launching his referendum campaign with a remarkable group of supporters, including the writers Kenneth Tynan and Kit Pedlar (of the Doomwatch television series), Mr William Pickles, the political scientist, Lord MacLeod of Fuinary, a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland Sir Michael Wright, a former ambassador, Mr Mickey Benson, the former chairman of an advertising agency, Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Boston, Mr Gwynfor Evans, Plaid Cymru MP for Carmarthen, and Mr Clive Jenkins, the general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

Explaining his accusation, Mr Frere-Smith said there were people employed in insurance companies, banks and organizations subsidized by the Government who were on the anti-EEC side but too afraid of losing their jobs to voice their views. The pressures on them showed a blatant disregard for democratic rights.

As examples, he cited the head of an "internationally famous body" who felt unable to speak out, a provincial doctor in an area where retired tea planters and the like were threatening to withdraw their patronage if he persisted in anti-EEC activities, and an employee of the European Commission in Brussels, who had applied in vain for leave of absence to expose the corruption he said he had discovered—notably among Italians—in the EEC's biggest institution.

Mr Frere-Smith said there were now 467 groups campaigning for withdrawal in England, 67 in Scotland and 41 in Wales. Progress in Northern Ireland had been delayed by the Convention elections. He was convinced the campaign would be fought and decided in the regions, and not in London. He agreed with Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, that BBC coverage of the campaign had not been balanced and thought the press's vilification of Mr Benn "nauseating".

In a formal statement, the group emphasized that the goal of the European Community was full political union. "If the British people on June 5 vote for staying in, they will be voting for the end of Britain as a *nation. There can be no shirking* this simple and dramatic fact."

The statement quoted General de Gaulle to prove that the common agricultural policy existed to keep the price of food up, and again on the difference in daily life, habits, traditions and structure between Britain and countries on the Continent.

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SNP opens its campaign for Scottish 'no' vote

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

The Scottish National Party yesterday launched its campaign against Scotland's remaining in the EEC "on anybody else's terms".

Mrs Winifred Ewing, party spokesman on the EEC, said at a press conference in Edinburgh that the case for a Scottish "no" in the referendum was overwhelming. Membership on London terms would damage the economic prospects for Scotland and restrict the opportunities for Scottish-based industrial initiative.

The EEC gave massive reinforcement to centralization, which had sapped Scotland's industrial vitality even in the much smaller "Common Market" of the United Kingdom. The regional fund's net annual contribution to Scotland of £8m to £10m was pitifully inadequate compensation for increased centralization.

If the Scottish Development Agency was to be properly effective, it would require a budget in excess of the whole community regional fund. That, Mrs Ewing believed, the EEC would not allow.

A leaflet explaining the party's opposition points out that within the Community food prices have risen more quickly than outside and unemployment is greater. Membership would remove the right to full control over the steel industry and inshore fishing limits, both crucial to Scotland. Only 23 per cent of Scottish exports went to Europe and membership had not benefited Scotland's trade.

Mrs Ewing declared: "Outside the EEC an independent Scotland would have all the options because of our self-sufficient position as an exporter of both food and fuel.

"One option might be for Scotland to reenter Europe, but on different terms. Another would be to remain outside the EEC and develop trade with the rest of the world. Inside, Scotland would have no separate voice and would represent only 2 per cent of the EEC population."

Mr Benn 'could be next Prime Minister'

By Our Political Staff

If Britain voted "no" in the EEC referendum there was a possibility of a left-wing dominated Labour Government led by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, said last night.

Rejection of the Government's European policy would mean chaos for Britain. He saw the other possibilities as a "broken-back" Government led by Mr Wilson, or a general election.

Speaking in Billericay, he said: "Irrespective of how the country votes we are likely to have a summer of major crises.

Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister *responsible* for the arts, told an anti-EEC meeting in Haringey last night that value-added tax was an EEC tax which had put up the cost of living, increased inflation and hit the poor.

"The fact is the acquisitive society no longer works, and even intelligent capitalists are beginning to realize they can now only subsist upon a publicly owned base" he said.

Mr Hattersley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in Leicester last night he had hoped that the anti-EEC statement from the National Referendum Campaign would have been based on firm fact and reasoned analysis. But that was not the case.

were able to save Europe only by leaving it temporarily in 1940 and the same applies today."

Mr Brian Becket, the consumer and public protection officer for Essex council, asked by the coroner if any charges were likely to be brought, said: "I do not feel free to answer at this stage."

Professor Asher Wiseguarten, deputy director of the National Farmers' Union, last night dismissed the prospect of Britain, outside the EEC, being able to buy food more cheaply. He told a debate on the common agricultural policy and the referendum staged by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, in London:

With producers of primary products now learning how to assert their bargaining power, it is unlikely that in the years ahead any group of food producers would be willing for any length of time to supply us with food at below its cost of production.

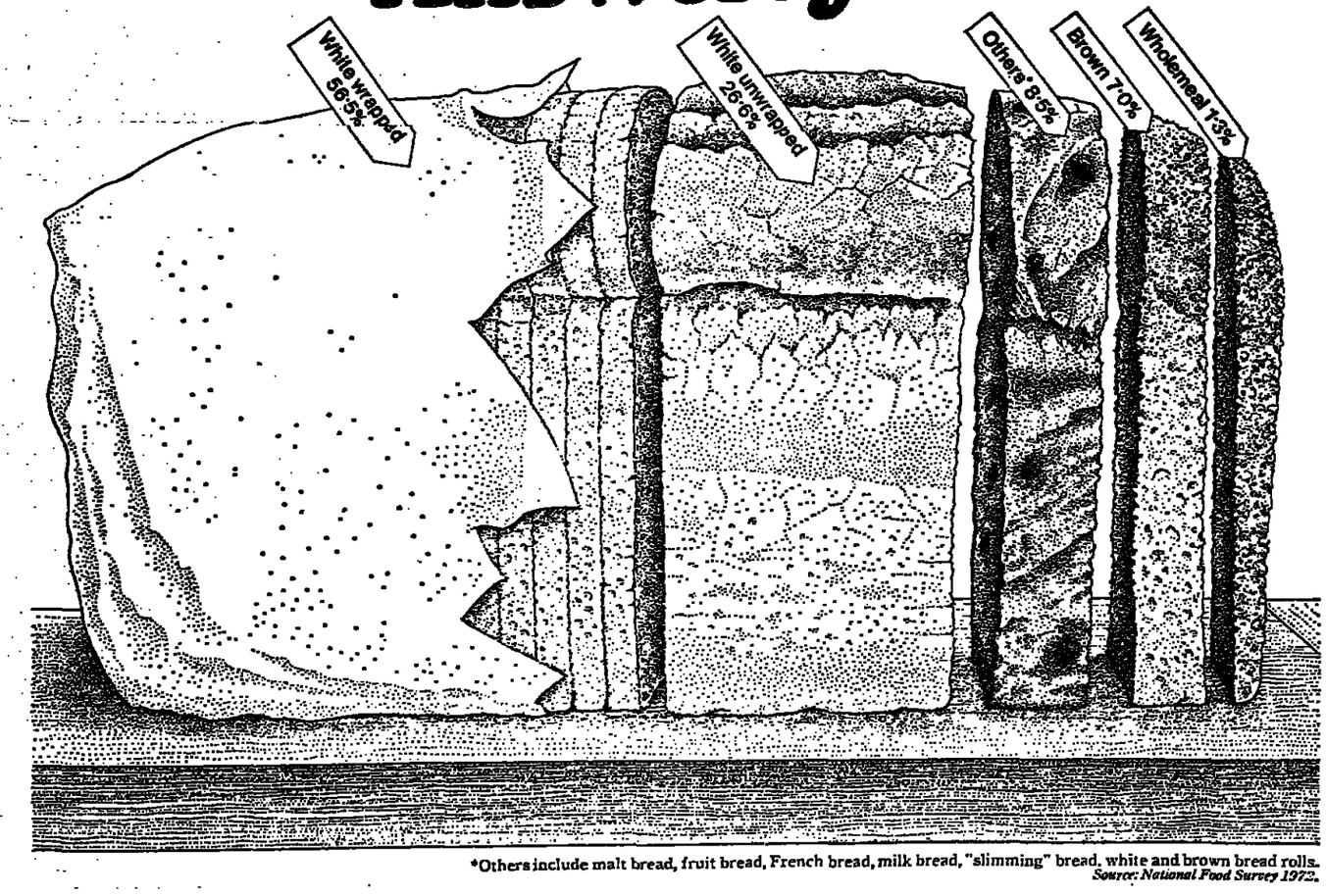
Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, suggested that claims that Britain's trade loss would pick up outside the EEC came from "medieval" thinking. The EEC countries' share of the deficit had dropped dramatically since 1972, the last year before Britain joined, she told a meeting organized in Leeds by the Labour campaign for Britain in Europe.

Britain was not in a medieval fortress, she said. It was part of a world "telescoped by technology".

How you choose your slice of life
by Dr. Sally Parsonage

Is the bread you like good for you?

Answer: yes



*Others include malt bread, fruit bread, French bread, milk bread, "slimming" bread, white and brown bread rolls.
Source: National Food Survey 1972.

"If you yearn for bread like mother made (or for something rather more exotic), you'll probably find it all on a typical shopping round"—says Dr. Sally Parsonage, the food scientist and nutrition expert who contributes to *Slimming and Nutrition* magazine. Yet, if you study the picture above, which shows national consumption shares of the various types of bread, you'll see that you tend to ignore the browns, wholemeals and 'others' in your overwhelming preference for the white varieties. *Over 80%* of British bread—either wrapped or unwrapped—is bought in the form of a white loaf.

Is the way you like your bread good for you? The answer is: *Yes.*

The true value of bread

Although certain minerals and vitamins have to be reduced in the milling of wheat into white flour, they are added to the flour *after* milling—as a legal requirement, in fact—to maintain the nutrient level of your bread. (Brown and wholemeal, of course, are extremely good nutritionally, and may be chosen by people requiring extra roughage).

In other words, please yourself and choose your loaf: you can't go wrong. "The nutrients bread supplies", writes Dr. Sally Parsonage, "particularly the B vitamins, iron and calcium, are among the nutrients most likely to be lacking in many other foods. Bread is an important source of protein, too".

The actual amounts of nutrients contributed by bread to the average daily diet may surprise you.

BREAD'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE AVERAGE DAILY DIET

Protein		17.0%
Calcium		13.4%
Iron		17.7%
B Vitamins	Niacin	13.7%
	Thiamine	22.1%
Energy Value		14.4%

Source: National Food Survey 1972.

And your favourite sandwich can contribute as much nutritionally as a cooked meal.

Your good health sandwich

Dr. Parsonage records: "a sandwich of two slices of buttered bread, 3 oz. cheese and a sliced tomato provides as much value in protein and vitamins as a bowl of tomato soup, 3 oz. boiled gammon, gravy, peas and boiled potato." "Even slimmers," she says, "should be careful about giving up bread".

There's food for thought!

Bread: still the best food value in Britain

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Tories need bogeyman and it is Mr Benn

House of Commons

During questions to MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, *who was answering for the* Prime Minister during his absence.

MR CORMACK (Staffordshire, South-West, C) referred to Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, as the Lord Fauntleroy of the barricades.

MR SHORT—If we look behind all the hysteria in the press in recent days about Mr Benn, it will be seen he is doing an excellent job for industry in the country. *(Conservative laughter and Labour* cheers.)

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—If the Prime Minister has not got time to appoint a new Minister of State for Industry, *would he consider finding the time* to sack the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Shore) ?

Would he draw attention to the remarks of the Secretary of State for Trade in column 999 of *Hansard* on Monday this week—yes, it was a distress call—in which the Secretary of State said that sometimes at the despatch box he represented the policy of the Government as a whole and sometimes his own policy as Secretary of State for Trade ?

Is that not a constitutional oddity, that there should be two different policies expressed at the despatch box by the minister ?

MR SHORT—No, I have looked carefully at this. What he was saying was to distinguish between those occasions at the despatch box when he puts the policy of the Government on the Community and outside as a dissenting minister—(Conservative protests)—when he expresses his own point of view. That was clearly the intention of his words.

MR ROY HUGHES (Newport, Lab)—The unjustified attacks on the Secretary of State are due to his zeal in exposing the fact that the problem of British industry has been the failure of industrialists to invest in industry, and that unemployment solves nothing. Would he give an assurance that the Secretary of State has the full backing of the Cabinet at present, particularly in his attempts to save steel jobs ?

MR SHORT—He is talking about the wrong Secretary of State. (Laughter.) This hysteria in the press and the Conservative Party about the two Secretaries of State does not help us to have an objective debate on the issue of the Market.

MR ROST (Derbyshire, South-East, C)—Should not the Prime *Minister on his next visit to this* country—(Conservative laughter) —and before he abandons us again, have a sort out with the Department of Industry while there is some industry left and before the Secretary of State sorts out the Prime Minister ? (Renewed laughter.)

MR SHORT—There are other areas where a sorting out is needed.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—Would he agree that one of the reasons why the media and the Tory Opposition in the Commons and Lords want to remove the Secretary of State for Industry is because it is part of a carefully orchestrated campaign, particularly after the referendum, for a Labour Government, in perhaps a non-structural but a quasi-political way, carrying out a coalition policy—carrying out measures which they would like to see carried out ?

The attempt made by the Secretary of State for Prices (Mrs Shirley Williams) was wrong at the Neddy meeting yesterday and if we are going to conduct our affairs in a socialist fashion we are not going to do it with the help of Opposition MPs or a Government composed of *both parties.*

MR SHORT—It is a lot simpler than that. (Laughter.) There is an anthropological explanation. The Conservative Party is a primitive party. It has got to have a bogeyman and the present bogeyman is the Secretary of State for Industry. (Labour cheers.)

MR LAWSON (Blaby, C)—Will Mr Short have the temerity to risk the disapproval of the Secretary of *State for Industry,* who is now in the Chamber, and agree with Mrs Shirley Williams at the Neddy meeting yesterday that the Government will have a greater degree of success in facing Britain's economic problems if they seek a greater degree of all-party consensus ?

MR SHORT—It is obvious that the two ministers (Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr Benn) were in complete agreement at Neddy yesterday—(*loud Conservative* laughter)—that the worst possible solution would be to have a coalition government, which would mean that nothing got done.

Local basis better for disaster services

MR ASHLEY (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) asked if the Home Secretary would set up a special *disaster unit to give immediate* assistance and advice to the relatives of those killed and seriously injured in future disasters.

MR ROY JENKINS—While I sympathize strongly with Mr Ashley's objectives, I believe that the problem is better approached on a local rather than a national basis. That is why I am considering, in consultation with the associations of local authorities, the issue of a *circular on local coordination* of emergency services, including counselling services, when disasters or major accidents occur.

MR ASHLEY—That is a deplorable decision because the relatives of people killed in *disasters are in* urgent need of skilled advice and assistance on social, economic and legal matters. Though they have not had it in the past, now they will not get it in the future. There is no point in sending out circulars.

MR JENKINS—The evidence is to the contrary. Relatives of those involved in disasters—and disasters almost inevitably occur locally—are rarely in a position to want or accept immediate advice on a social, legal or financial nature. Where they want it, they certainly prefer it from local organizations rather than from some national organization moving in at that stage.

I in no way underestimate the need to provide as effectively as possible all the facilities necessary.

MR SCOTT-HOPKINS (West Derbyshire, C)—Would he look at this again ? What they want to know as quickly as possible, whether local or national, is what has happened to their relatives or friends.

MR JENKINS—I want to provide all the help I can, but I think the House must distinguish between setting up *elaborate machinery* and giving effective help on the ground.

Jailed pickes refused early parole: special reviews later

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) asked if the Home Secretary had yet received a report on the release of Shrewsbury trade unionists.

MR ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab)—The Parole Board have considered the cases and have decided not to recommend parole from March 15, the earliest possible date. I have no power to override such decision.

In view of the recent two men, however, I have directed that their cases should be specially reviewed in due course. Mr Tomlinson's review will be earlier than that of Mr Warren. I have discussed the *case with representatives* of the TUC on March 20.

MR ATKINSON—There will be widespread disappointment with the answer he has given. (Conservative cries of " No ".)

Does he recollect the series of deputations from the unions and the Parliamentary Labour Party ? When he met those deputations, the impression left with them was that he would personally look into the possibilities of early release. He also confirmed the fact that he thought the Parole Board would sympathetically consider early release when the time came.

With the answer he has given today, he may possibly now be accused of political malice for having seemingly gone back on the promise which was left with the deputations that early release would be considered in the light of the situation as it then was. (Conservative protests.)

MR JENKINS—I do not accept Mr Atkinson's no doubt as he thinks impartial account of what I said at meetings at which he was not present. (Conservative laughter.)

MR ATKINSON—I was present at two of them.

MR JENKINS—The indication I gave was that this was to be considered by the Parole Board but I left no one in any doubt that I had no power to override a negative *recommendation of the* Parole Board. I indicated that if the behaviour of the two men in prison improved as quickly as possible and had not deteriorated the prospects *would be better.*

I regret to say their behaviour which was far from good until fairly recently has obviously been in my view an adverse factor. The behaviour has improved substantially; indeed, it is wholly satisfactory.

For that reason I have ordered the two special reviews. I have no doubt their improved behaviour will be taken into account when the reviews are made.

MR CARLISLE (Runcorn, C)—Will he confirm that the Parole Board is a wholly independent board of the highest standing and that the Home Secretary has no possible alternative but to accept the recommendation when it refuses parole ?

Would he also confirm that in referring the cases for early review he is acting in exactly the same way as he would have acted in any other case of a person in prison for normal criminal offences ?

MR JENKINS—Yes. I well recollect when the Parole Board was set up under the Act of 1967 I originally—and as I think mistakenly—thought the Parole Board should be advisory and that the Home Secretary should retain the ultimate decision. As a result of strong representations from both sides, I decided, and believe I was right, to give the board greater authority and to remove the Home Secretary's power to enforce a positive recommendation upon them.

That is the statutory position by the desire of both sides of the House, when parole was introduced. I can confirm that there is nothing exceptional about a special review in circumstances like this.

MR LOYDEN (Liverpool, Garston, Lab)—The question of the conspiracy laws, which were involved in these cases, and on which there is feeling at least on this side of the House, ought to be a consideration in the Warren and Tomlinson cases. (Labour cheers.) If this hardline attitude is adopted it will be justifiably represented outside as showing that there was positive discrimination against Tomlinson and Warren and that they were being deprived of justice. (Conservative interruptions.)

MR JENKINS—He would be quite wrong and would not be serving the cause of the two men, or the cause he has at heart, by suggesting that. I would find it difficult indeed to think of a precedent for the Parole Board recommending release at the earliest possible date where the men concerned had been involved in disciplinary offences in the prison until recently.

MR GARDNER (South Fylde, C)—It would be wholly improper and a misuse of his office to accede to the kind of suggestion that has been made that he should as Home Secretary in some way try to influence the decision of the Parole Board in this case or any other. (Conservative cheers.)

MR JENKINS—I think the House will take the view that what I have endeavoured to do in dealing with this case is, in a quiet way, to uphold the rule of law and do what I believe to be my duty. (Conservative cheers.)

MR TOMLINSON (Meriden, Lab)—While many MPs will welcome the circumstances that have led him to direct that a special review should take place, many MPs will also welcome the fact that he has not sought to intervene in the due processes of law. (Conservative cheers.)

MR JENKINS—I am grateful to Mr Tomlinson for the point of view that he has expressed on this and on previous occasions.

MR IAN GILMOUR (Chesham and Amersham, C)—What special circumstances led him to direct a special review ?

MR JENKINS—The Lord Chief Justice in delivering his judgment in the Court of Appeal specifically referred to certain matters as being appropriate for the Parole Board rather than for the Court of Appeal. The behaviour of the two men in prison which led me to remove them from open prison, *has changed* markedly in the course of the last six weeks or so.

Prison not solution if maintenance is not paid

MR FERNYHOUGH (Jarrow, Lab) asked the Home Secretary how many people were imprisoned for debt in 1974 and how many of these were in respect of non-payment of maintenance orders.

MR ALEXANDER LYON, Minister of State (York, Lab)—Provisional figures show that in 1974, 3,338 persons were received into prison for non-payment of money, other than fines, on the order of a magistrates' court. Of these 2,914 persons were committed for default in the payment of maintenance in respect of a spouse or children including illegitimate children.

A further 59 persons were received into prison for non-payment of money on the order of a county court and this may include some committals in respect of High Court or county court maintenance orders.

MR FERNYHOUGH—In circumstances where a man has not worked for a long time and where he has no resources except supplementary benefit, it is purposeless sending him to jail because he has not maintained his payments. In *cases of this kind are men sent for* contempt rather than debt ?

MR LYON—My understanding of court practices is that they would not send a man to prison in these circumstances if he brought these facts to their attention.

MRS ANN TAYLOR (Bolton, West, Lab)—The imprisonment of offenders of this type does nothing to help the women and children who do not receive maintenance payments. Would he consult with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Social Services and find a means of helping women who are affected in this way, either by deducting payments at source if the man is working or introducing the recommendations of the Finer report ?

MR LYON—I have a lot of sympathy with that. One must recognize that in 90 per cent of the cases where a suspended prison sentence is ordered, they pay up before they go to prison.

Government refuse to barter time against Industry Bill content

*After MR SHORT, Lord Presi*dent of the Council and Leader of the House, announced that the guillotine motion on the Industry Bill would be debated on Monday,

MRS THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), said: On my return from congratulating Conservative workers on taking *so many* seats in the elections—(Conservative cheers)—when will we debate the steel industry, on which agreement is not *so complete as it was in* Neddy yesterday ?

Why is he imposing a guillotine on the Industry Bill when the committee considering it has never sat beyond 7.45 pm ; when on several occasions the junior minister has moved the adjournment of it on the basis of good progress being made ; when on one occasion the Government themselves tried not to convene the committee but were forced to do so by the Opposition ?

Why a guillotine ? Is it because we have reached the sensitive clauses and that the Government are going back on the promise given to this House by the Prime Minister ? (Conservative cheers.)

MR SHORT—There will be a major opportunity to debate the steel industry on the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill soon. If the House wishes, I will find time after the recess for a wider debate.

The Industry Bill is a major part of the Government's programme, on which we have fought and won two elections. By this evening the committee will have met 28 times. The timetable motion will be fairly *generous.*

In view of some comments that have appeared in the press, it would be unreasonable to expect the committee stage to be concluded before the recess.

MR WAINWRIGHT (Colne Valley, L)—Clauses of the Industry Bill to which the timetable motion will apply are the very clauses which differ substantially from the White Paper.

MR SHORT—The Prime Minister *has made it clear that he is willing to talk to the CBI* before report stage of the Bill. If the Bill needs amending in report we will be prepared to amend it.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—When the steel debate takes place, will Mr Short by then *have asked Sir Monty Finniston* to publish the three documents that were presented to the British Steel Corporation board in 1971 on the effects on the steel industry of entry to the EEC ?

MR SHORT—That point can be deployed in the debate.

MR CROUCH (Canterbury, C)—Does Mr Short appreciate the detestation of every MP on this side for the decision to introduce a timetable motion on the Industry Bill ? Would he consider a voluntary arrangement ? An arrangement between all parties would give a proper amount of time, not a limited amount.

MR SHORT—I am much in favour of voluntary timetables but I understand it was not possible. The Conservatives tried to barter time for content and we were not willing to do that. Since the Second World War, Labour Governments have introduced eight timetable motions and Conservative Governments, 17.

MR HESELTINE, Opposition spokesman on industry (Henley, C)—The Opposition offered the Government a voluntary timetable which would have got the Industry Bill *out of committee* by the recess, provided the word of the Prime Minister that the White Paper and the Bill would coincide was honoured. The Under Secretary told us that the word of the Prime Minister could not be allowed to supersede the policies which the Under Secretary was adumbrating at that time.

MR SHORT—Mr Heseltine has had some correspondence with the Prime Minister on these matters. He usually gets them wrong. There is no conflict between what the Prime Minister said and what is in the Bill. He said " The policy of the White Paper will be followed in the Bill ". Mr Heseltine is willing to barter time for content and *we are not. It is as simple as that.*

Payment of costs when magistrates dismiss

SIR JOHN LANGFORD-HOLT (Shrewsbury, C) asked whether the Home Secretary would introduce legislation to give magistrates power to award the costs of the defence against the prosecutor when an *indictment was tried* summarily and dismissed.

MR ALEXANDER LYON, Minister of State (York, Lab)—No. The Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973 already gives magistrates' courts dealing summarily with an indictable offence power when dismissing the information to order the payment of the defendant's costs either out of central funds or by the prosecution.

SIR J. LANGFORD-HOLT—The net result of this is that never under any circumstances do defendants, in proving their innocence, get what it has cost to prove that they are innocent. The cost of innocence under these circum*stances is too expensive for many* and there are circumstances under which people find it preferable to accept the fine.

MR LYON—There is confusion about this. Where the charge is indictable and tried by a magistrates' court there is a power to award costs but too rarely do defending solicitors and counsel apply for the order to be paid out of public funds or from the prosecutor.

In the case of summary offences there is a power to order costs in certain limited circumstances. I would prefer that costs could always be awarded to the successful litigant. The cost would be *about £2m and in the present* climate of public expenditure we are not in a position where we can make that kind of change.

Offenders and unpaid work for community

MRS JILL KNIGHT (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) asked when the Home Secretary intended to empower courts to implement the Criminal Justice Act 1972 with regard to persons convicted of an offence being required to perform unpaid work in the community.

MR ALEXANDER LYON, Minister of State—All courts in England and Wales may now make community service orders in the case of offenders who reside in any area where community service arrangements exist and who otherwise qualify to be dealt with in that way.

The pace at which these arrangements are introduced is for individual probation and after care committees to decide in the light of the resources available.

By September 1 (he said later) 42 of 55 areas will already have started such systems; another 11 hope to start by April 1, 1976; and only in the case of Cornwall and the West Midlands is there still doubt about their capacity to undertake some scheme in the current financial year.

Either moderate demands for pay rises or moderation must be imposed by taxes

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), moving the second reading of the Finance (No 2) Bill, said that there must be few MPs who had not received some *communication* protesting against the application of the 25 per cent VAT rate to existing rentals on television sets. There would be an opportunity to discuss this fully in committee.

A customer who hired a television set would find his rental tended to go up when the rate of VAT was increased and down when the rate decreased.

He was persuaded that it would be desirable to have power to *operate the regulator* separately for the two rates of VAT although always within the limit of 25 per cent on each side of the going rate. Amendments would be tabled to give effect to this.

He had explained in the Budget *why he found it necessary to raise* income-tax rates for two years running. So long as the warnings about excessive increases in incomes went unheeded he would be obliged to take such measures. The choice was not for him but for the British people as a whole. Either they moderated their demands for income they had not earned or moderation must be imposed through the tax system. There was no alternative.

If the Government were to index tax allowances and raise them every year to take account of the full effect of inflation, in a situation like the current one they would have to find the extra money by increasing income tax still further, which would be undesirable, or by increasing indirect taxation. What effect did the Conservatives think that would have on the level of wage settlements ?

The present rules on fringe benefits badly needed an overhaul. They were increasingly used to avoid income tax, though there were wide differences between the practice of various companies.

Action on fringe benefits (he continued) *should be part of a* general revision of tax rates in the light of the new capital transfer tax, the forthcoming wealth tax and changes in the capital gains tax. I hope it will be possible to take action on fringe benefits as part of a major reform of tax in next year's Budget, when we hope to have the evidence of the Royal Commission on distribution of income and wealth available.

The clause dealing with the taxpayer's liability to pay tax on account pending determination of his appeal had been prepared following detailed discussion with a range of representative bodies and *met with their general support.* The present system allowed a significant minority virtually to opt out of the tax system for months or years at a stretch.

The object of the new rules was to introduce a workable and enforceable system which safeguarded the taxpayer's interests where he had genuine reason to believe the assessment might be excessive.

Charge of interest

There were also provisions in the Bill dealing with the charge of interest on tax left unpaid after its proper date. The new provisions were intended to neutralize the advantage which a taxpayer might secure under the present system simply by delaying settlement of his accounts, appealing against the assessment which the inspector was forced to make, and holding up payment of tax until that appeal *could be determined. The taxpayer* who used the appeal machinery to delay payment of tax should not profit thereby as compared with those who settled their tax bill promptly.

This was too much a departure from the present system to be taken at one stride. He had had representations about the pressure under which many officers and accountants were working and the problems that would arise if new *changes were attempted much too* quickly. The present provisions represented only a partial solution of the problem of interest on unpaid tax. He hoped an opportunity would arise in due course to carry the solution forward.

The " lump " was a system of self-employment used in many parts of the construction industry as a means of avoiding tax, national insurance contributions and other statutory responsibilities. The evaders and itinerants on the " lump " not able to meet the new tough conditions would have to choose between becoming employed or, if they insisted on being self-employed, suffer tax deduction at sources of 35 per cent.

The new system would be fully operational next year and in the meantime the Inland Revenue would be retesting those who held tax exemption certificates.

Many of the measures embodied in the Bill were measures which the Government would have liked to avoid. The country realized that the Government had no alternative, it just had to be done.

In a democratic country the Government could not determine, to their own decisions, alone how the economy would operate. If people insisted on increases in money incomes far beyond the cost of living, the *Chancellor of the* Exchequer—whoever he was—would be compelled to keep the economy in balance by raising taxes and cutting public expenditure.

I know it is unfair (he said) that those who got the crumbs should have to pay the bill for those who got the plums.

I frankly admit (he continued) that in large part this Budget is simply the inevitable reaction to the inability of our society as a whole to match the needs of the moment.

The majority of the British people were coming to realize there was a better way and if the Budget *did something to increase public* understanding of the nature of the choice ahead, then the nature and the choice for the people would be very different.

Firmness essential

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey, C), said that it was universally accepted that the Chancellor would have to take further action swiftly. No Budget had been more rapidly seen to have been overtaken by the progress of events.

More firm action was essential. The Opposition were criticizing the Chancellor for the lack of urgency of his attack on inflation and more important for the extent to which he had presided over the growth of the factors which had contributed to it during the last 13 months.

A far more decisive onslaught on the size of the public sector borrowing requirement was needed. It could not be stated too clearly and in too simple terms, that a £9 billion planned deficit amounted to £3 per individual per week throughout the country. That, on *that scale, could not and must not* be allowed to continue.

The gap between expenditure and revenue could be bridged either by cutting spending by a quarter, or by raising taxes by something like a third. That was the measure of the gap with which to face the future.

Either taxes went up, or spending came down. Since the Chancellor had not done enough to reduce the growth of public spending, he had been *obliged to do the former.*

Because one recognizes the equation with which the Chancellor is confronted (he said) we did not vote against the Budget as a whole, and will not vote against the Bill. But we will challenge the way in which the additional taxes have been levied.

They were about at the limit of the nation's taxable capacity. The percentage of national income taken in taxes and national in*surance contributions* was higher than even at the end of the war, and that constricted the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre.

If the Chancellor had kept VAT at 10 per cent that would have been sufficient to offset the need to increase vehicle excise duty to £40, and avoid a two-tier rate of VAT.

The Government's recent programme of legislation was not so much a rake's progress as a pos*itive rush of gadarene rakes.*

It was high time the Chancellor stopped asking the Conservatives where he should make cuts. His traditional role was to look after the activities of his colleagues in the Government. The last two and a half weeks demonstrated how far he had been falling in that respect.

If the executive failed to discharge their duty of controlling public expenditure, in the last resort it became an essential function of the Commons.

The situation had been reached where pay settlements being financed by the Chancellor at the expense of the revenue were setting a norm of 30 per cent and in themselves setting aside the social contract. It was impossible in those circumstances for the private sector in the end to pay less than the pace-making public sector.

Many Labour MPs had frankly accepted that the social contract was for practical purposes dead. The difficulty was that its memory lingered on. The stage had been reached where it not only did no good but was doing actual harm. It should now be not just recognized as *dead but should be buried.*

The reality was that there was and would be very little money available. That uncomfortable truth had to be driven home by clear exposition of the alternatives by the entire Government.

Identifying families where children are at risk

House of Lords

LORD ELTON (C) asked the Government what steps they intended to take, subsequent to the publication of the report of the joint committee of inquiry into the case of Linda Godfrey to increase the protection available to children *at risk of non-accidental injury.*

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, a Lord in Waiting—The Secretary of State for Social Services and the Home Secretary are anxious that the lessons of the tragic case of Linda Godfrey should be widely known, and are asking their professional advisers to take up with the authorities concerned the points raised in the report.

Since research into methods of identifying families where children are at risk of non-accidental injury is at an early stage, it is in practice the skill of professional workers that can best protect these children. For this reason, the Government have already taken a series of initiatives designed to increase the alertness among all those concerned to the warning signs of injury and the urgent action to be taken when suspicion is aroused.

LORD ELTON—Is there a programme of Government research into the predisposition of non-accidental injury to children, and what grants have been given in a research by non-government *agencies* ?

LORD WELLS-PESTELL—The Government's opinion is that this kind of research can be better undertaken by individuals who specialize in this particular area and have a wide and deep knowledge of the problem.

The Government already support research into therapeutic work. In 1974, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children received a grant of £112,000 over a three year period to fund the greater part of three special units to treat families in which children have been injured as well as improving the salaries of a play group officer to work with such *families and a research officer* to evaluate the effectiveness of these units.

Bill to deter hooligans and vandals on buses

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, moving the second reading of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill, said it was a small but important measure designed to help the police, bus workers and the travelling public. It gave the police the power to arrest a person who was in breach of the regulations governing the conduct of passengers on public service vehicles, if they withheld their name and address, or if they failed to satisfy the police officer *they had given their name correctly.*

There had been an increase in hooliganism and vandalism in recent years, and buses and coaches had been especially vulnerable. In 1974, in the Metropolitan Police area, police were concerned in 849 incidents on London Transport buses.

The most serious form of this hooliganism had been increased attacks on drivers and conductors, particularly in London but also in other major conurbations. Some of these attacks had been vicious and in one a conductor died.

At present, the police had no power to arrest people who committed offences against the regulations.

The Bill (he said) is not a complete remedy for the problem of misconduct and violence on buses, but it is evidence of the Government's determination to end it by appropriate measures. It will add significantly to the powers of the police and help to ensure that those who misbehave on public transport do not escape prosecution.

The EARL of MANSFIELD (C), for the Opposition, welcomed the *Bill and said the need for the Bill* was an illustration of the attitude of some members of the public towards those people whose job it was to help fulfil their needs.

LORD TEVIOT (C) said he worked six years as a bus driver and conductor. The Bill was long overdue and it did not go far enough, but it was a start.

Many assaults resulted from misunderstandings. London Transport had instituted seminars on the human approach and this should be extended.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH said taxis were not covered by the Bill or any other statute because they were not a public service vehicle.

The best deterrent to offences of this kind was the likelihood of detection and thereafter conviction. London Transport were pressing ahead with the introduction of a *system of intermittent* soundings of horns and flashing lights to give warning of an assault or a serious development on a bus.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Railways (Transfer of Undertakings) *Bill was negatived.*

House adjourned, 6.31 pm.

Unpaid fines

MR LYON, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said: The amount of unpaid fines outstanding on December 31, 1974, in England and Wales, excluding inner London, was £11,883,276. This figure includes fines in respect of which the time allowed for payment has not expired, and some unpaid fines carried forward from earlier quarters.

Next week's business

Business in the House of Lords will be :

MONDAY: Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill, report stage. Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill, committee stage. Notices of Legal Aid Regulations. Debate on questions on short term lending and on cigarette advertising.

TUESDAY: International Road Haulage Permits Bill and Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, committee stage. Motions on Polperro and Orcop Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974 Continuance Order. Salmon and Freshwater Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order. Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations. Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations; and Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland) Order. Debatable question on arguments of EEC membership.

WEDNESDAY: Short debates on cruelty to animals and on problems facing the theatre and the cinema.

THURSDAY: Scottish Development Agency Bill and Welsh Development Agency Bill, second reading. Limitation Bill and Forfeiture (Restoration) Bill, committee stage. Income and Capital Gains Supplements (Computation) Regulations.

FRIDAY: Lotteries Bill. Solicitors (Advertising) Bill and Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill, second reading.

Business in the House of Commons will be :

MONDAY: New Towns Bill, second reading. Consideration of Delegated Powers on Workers' Bill. Motions on National Insurance Orders on Claims (Increase of Benefit) and Administration of Benefit.

TUESDAY: Child Benefit Bill, second reading. Motion on Referendum Order.

WEDNESDAY: Housing (Homes for Special Purposes) Bill, remaining stages.

THURSDAY: Finance (No 2) Bill, committee stage. Motion on Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations.

FRIDAY: Guard Dogs Bill, report stage. Sale of Seeds Bill, Regulations of Certain Houses Bill and other private members' Bills, second reading.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 11.00, Career Screening (Education) Bill, Representation of the People (Proxy Voting) Bill, and other private members' Bills, second reading.

£600m coal investment programme planned

The James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalization) Bill was read the third time and passed.

LORD BALOGH, Minister of State for Energy, moving the second reading of the Coal Industry Bill, said that over the next 10 years it was estimated that more *than 40 million tons* of coal capacity would be lost due to exhaustion of coal seams. The Bill included a new £600m capital investment programme to provide 42 million tons of new capacity. The biggest of the new coal areas would be at Selby.

The Bill also *provided up to* £100m for the purposes of the pneumoconiosis compensation scheme. In times of economic difficulty this was a symbol of the compassion of the Government towards the industry and its men.

VISCOUNT LONG, for the Opposition, said it was essential that the coal industry was encouraged and helped. Because oil had been discovered did not mean that they must let up on this valuable mineral. They would need coal for many years to come as they would need the men, the technology, and the brains to go along with it.

About 39,000 people would be involved in the pneumoconiosis grants and it *should be asked if in* these inflationary times £100m was enough.

LORD BEAUMONT of WHITLEY (L) said he welcomed the Bill because of the generous nature of the grants.

The Bill was read a second time.

Higher limit for mortgages being sought

The EARL of KINNOULL (C) asked *the Government how soon* the present limit on special advance loans with building societies would be raised from £13,000 in order to cater more adequately for the present needs of the mortgage market.

LORD JACQUES, Lord in Waiting—The Building Societies Association has made a formal request for such an increase and the Government are now giving careful consideration to it.

Later he said if the £13,000 limit were increased no building society could use that increase until the beginning of the year following the date of the order. Since most building societies finished the year on December 31 they could not increase the limit until January 1, 1976. A decision would be made at an early date.

Royal Assent to Referendum Act

Royal Assent was signified to the following Acts: Criminal Procedures (Scotland), Oil Taxation, Reservoirs, House of Commons Disqualification, Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification, Ministers of the Crown, Ministerial and Other Salaries, Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland), Mental Health (Amendment), Local Government (Scotland), Malta Republic, Prices, Referendum, Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground, Standard and Chartered Bank, Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants), and Commonwealth Portland Cement Company.

Mr Amery offers support for drastic action

MR DUFFY (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) said pay restraint was crucial yet it was probably more of a political than an economic issue.

MR MACMILLAN (Farnham, C) said : Overmanning and low productivity was the biggest threat to full employment in the long-term and to the stability of prices. The United Kingdom had the worst inflation rate in Europe. It was going up while in other countries it was falling. The United Kingdom was sinking down in every league table worth being in.

He would not mind seeing a beach of union barons in the Lords to match the bench of bishops—trade union leaders sitting in the House during their period of office *and perhaps eventually being con*stituted into a sort of industrial committee of the Privy Council.

MR PARDOE (North Cornwall, L) said Mr Healey's speech was a carefully calculated display of unflappability. The lack of urgency was entirely misplaced. Britain's reputation around the world was such that even its friends hardly knew whether to laugh or cry. The general opinion appeared to be, in centres where it mattered, that Britain was virtually an ungovernable nation.

Public good

MR CRONIN (Loughborough, Lab) said the Bill showed the polit*ical courage of the Chancellor.* It had brought Mr Healey to some extent in opposition to the unions. He had put inflation at their door, had increased direct taxation and had accepted a certain amount of unemployment.

That was going to be unhelpful to his personal situation and the Labour Party might not win by-elections in the next six months, but it was an act of political courage and an indication that the Government put the public good before any political advantage.

*MR COPE (South Gloucester*shire, C) said that first raising then lowering corporation tax, and first lowering and now raising VAT, the Chancellor was beginning to look like a fiscal Duke of York.

MR MACKINTOSH (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab) said there was evidence that unemployment would not do the job of curbing demands in the 19 claims made in the three weeks since the Budget, only three of which were anywhere *near within the guidelines of the* social contract.

Whatever the weaknesses of the Conservative Party's incomes policy it did work. The House had to call for a statutory incomes policy and there must be a body to *monitor it. This was not a matter* of expertise or administration but a matter of political will.

All in together

What worried him most was that they did not have the leadership and the political will and were sitting there waiting for a disaster. It was an admission of defeat by the political structure and leadership of the country. If they knew what ought to be done, let them *now get on and do it.*

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said they were all in this together. They were only going to get out of it if they worked together. He did not seek to prescribe a particular remedy, though he did not see how they could avoid an incomes policy of some sort.

The Opposition must reserve the right to criticize but speaking for himself, and he suspected that a number of Conservative MPs would agree with him, if the Government came forward with realistic, even drastic, proposals for getting Britain out of this crisis and showed the courage and determination to see them through, they could count on a wide measure of understanding from his side of the House and a great deal more support than perhaps they might sometimes expect.

MR RALPH HOWELL (North Norfolk, C) said he found it difficult to decide whether Mr Healey was the worst democratic Chancellor they had ever had or the most successful Chancellor for promoting the cause of communism. Inflation was a communist weapon and was being stoked up by the anarchists who were deliberately trying to destroy the economy. The Government were being manipulated by communists.

MR WATKINSON (West Gloucester, Lab) said he had never understood why people who supported Labour should oppose the social contract. It was not socialist to think that there could be planning in every sphere except that of wages. A planned economy must have some form of planning for wages. Without that the country *faced an inevitable wages spiral.*

Unique weakness

MR NOTT, Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (St Ives, C), said a new accommodation with the trade unions was urgently needed but nothing seemed to be happening.

Lord Watkinson and *The Times* evidently regarded the Chancellor as a strong man. In the event, in spite of many brave words, the country had suffered a unique weakness of prescription. He doubted whether the Prime Minister, charitable as he was, would admit that any of the problems *which faced them* were his mistakes. The situation had deteriorated, the country looked for firm action, but none was forthcoming.

We know (he said) that a Chancellor can only be as strong as his *Prime Minister, and* thereby hangs a tale. (Laughter.)

At the moment the Chancellor would not have the support of the Prime Minister, nor of the Foreign Secretary, nor apparently of the Home Secretary, until June 6 at least. Could the Chancellor hold the thing *together for four* more weeks without the whole edifice coming down around his neck during the campaign ?

Assuming the answer was " Yes " in the referendum, might *they then,* as patriotic citizens with a growing concern for the future of the country, hope that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor between them could take some difficult decisions ?

MR JOEL BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab), said indexation would solve nothing, only distribute the pain. It was clear that for many, indexation was simply a means of reducing the *level of taxation* and not much else. Indexation would mean an additional borrowing requirement of some £1,200m.

It was easy to have fun with the anomalies which arose from a 25 per cent rate of VAT, but Labour had a lot of fun when Conservative ministers introduced the single rate. At that time they claimed it was a broad based comprehensive tax free from anomalies. It was nothing of the sort. The single rate had inbuilt serious anomalies and gross unfairnesses.

It would be irresponsible to suggest that the Government should reduce the levels of taxation now. The Opposition were *suggesting* that they should reduce taxation and offset it by cutting public spending. That would mean the Opposition would have to cut public sector borrowing requirement by £4,000m or more.

The Bill was read a second time by 132 votes to 22—Government majority, 160.

VEST EUROPE

France debates merits of seeing President Giscard's wife more frequently in the limelight

om Charles Hargrove
ris, May 8

Mme Giscard d'Estaing is ming increasingly into the nelight, at the behest of the esident.

Having addressed the con- ess of the New Social ntract, the movement led by Edgar Faure, at Poitiers last onth, she played a leading role ain at the annual com- emoration in Orléans of the eration of the town by Joan Arc.

It was the first time that a oman had presided over these remonies, she said. "It emed to me right that the omen of our country should associated through one of em to the homage of the most ustrious Frenchwoman of all ne."

The national heroine was a iversal and contemporary gure who had not ceased to ove people for more than 500 ars, she continued. The values an of Arc embodied were iversal. This was true both her Christian virtues and of r patriotism.

This attempt to make the st lady of the Republic play more prominent role does not eet with unqualified approval a country where, unlike the nited States, there is no tradi- on that she should do so. The ficial structures of the state main basically mysogynist, cause, as Mme Françoise iroud, the Minister for omen's Affairs, told me last mmer, they are still largely inspired by Napolean, who was a southerner firmly convinced that a woman's place was in the home.

Mme Giscard d'Estaing's two predecessors at the Elysée kept very much in the background. Mme de Gaulle never played any public role; it was not in her temperament and the General would never have dreamed of it. She is credited with a certain political influence on him, but chiefly she has gone down in history as a rather prim personality.

Mme Pompidou always disliked the limelight.

Mme Giscard d'Estaing, whose charm and elegance Frenchmen have had occasion to appreciate at official functions, was a great asset to her husband when he campaigned for the Presidency. But she is by nature shy, and if she has played a public role more frequently in recent months it is certainly not through any desire to assert herself.

Some commentators wonder whether France is not witnessing the birth of a new "family" conception of the Presidency, inspired by American examples and especially that of President Kennedy.

Meanwhile, at another commemoration—this time the thirtieth anniversary of VE Day—the President himself again emphasized the necessity for France to have an independent deterrent.

Speaking to 7,000 men from all three Services at Mourmelon camp, in eastern France, he said:

"France is a peaceful country but she must not be a weak country. In a world where everyone struggles hard for independence, while great events reveal the solidarity of peoples, France must ensure her security completely, to the extent her means allow her to do so."

In a letter today to the other eight heads of government of the European Economic Community, President Giscard d'Estaing stated that this year's VE Day commemoration would be the last.

The Second World War was fratricidal for Europe, he said.

Still concerning himself with defence matters, the President has instructed M Yvon Bourges, the Defence Minister, to summon back to Paris General Brasart, the Commander of all French forces at Djibouti.

The General will be asked to explain remarks he reportedly made about journalists at an official dinner last week for M Olivier Stirn, State Secretary for Overseas Territories. He is reported to have said privately: "Journalists always come to Djibouti to write rubbish. The last to do so has just been caught by the leg by the Viets and it serves him right."

The reference was to M Christian Hoche, a correspondent of *Le Figaro* in Vietnam, who was reported missing just before the fall of Saigon and has since been reported injured but safe.

Left-wing gains predicted in Italian elections but picture could change

From Our Correspondent
Rome, May 8

The Communists and Socialists are likely to gain votes at the expense of the more moderate parties in the Italian regional elections next month, according to a public opinion poll published today.

Yet the heavy losses generally predicted for the Christian Democrats, in crisis after 30 consecutive years in power, appear somewhat doubtful. The poll, by the Demoskopea Institute, found that the Christian Democrat share of the vote had dropped by about 3 per cent to 28.7 per cent, an improvement on the 5 per cent decrease noted in local elections and opinion polls over the past year.

This trend could indicate that the campaign, led by Senator Amintore Fanfani, the party secretary—based on "law and order", a strong anti-Communist stand and abolition of joint taxation for married couples—may be having its effect.

The results of the poll, taken in the middle of last month, two months before the elections, and published in this week's *Espresso* magazine, can be considered only indicative as 31.9 per cent of those interviewed preferred not to answer.

Apart from the Christian Democrat losses, the clearest figure to emerge was a probable increase of about 2 per cent in the Communist vote, bringing it to about 17.2 per cent of the total.

Smaller gains are foreseen for the Socialists and losses for the Social Democrats, who over the past few years have adopted a markedly right-wing stand.

The election results also will show the influence of 2,500,000 people between 18 and 21 who will be voting for the first time. The poll shows that these young people have markedly different opinions from the older electorate. They particularly favour the Communists (24 per cent) while only 9 per cent support the Christian Democrats.

The unusually high percentage of undecided voters suggests that the picture could still change before the elections. As *Espresso* says: "The electorate still seems bewildered and uncertain. The parties which can play the best cards over the next two months will be able to modify these forecasts."

King Baudouin to visit Russia

Moscow, May 8.—King Baudouin of the Belgians and Queen Fabiola will pay an official visit to the Soviet Union at the end of June.—UPI.

Night club cars on French trains

Paris, May 7.—French Railways are hitching a night club to overnight trains between Paris and Nice from June to September.

More police killed by Basque terrorists

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, May 8

General Franco's Cabinet will almost certainly discuss the worsening situation in the Basque region when it meets in Madrid tomorrow.

Within 24 hours and despite a state of emergency declared on April 26 in the two main Basque provinces of Viscaya and Guipuzcoa, terrorists have assassinated two policemen.

Their latest victim, Inspector Fernandel Llorente Roig, aged 51, was shot six times by a gunman armed with a pistol on the doorstep of his home in Bilbao at 11 pm on Wednesday.

The murdered inspector, a married man with two sons, was a member of the political police, who worked in the national identity card department at the Bilbao police headquarters. He was the fourth policeman to be assassinated in the Basque country since March 30.

Only 24 hours previously a member of the Guardia Civil was hit by at least 20 machine-gun bullets

Armed police yesterday organized a big hunt for the assassins, said to be members of the Basque extremist organization, ETA.

Road blocks were set up manned by armed police throughout the Basque provinces. Traffic jams were caused at Customs posts along the frontier with France, while all vehicles leaving Spain were searched.

Soames talks lead to China-EEC link

From David Bonavia
Peking, May 8

China will establish official relations with the European Community and accredit an ambassador to it, Sir Christopher Soames, vice-president of the European Commission in charge of external relations, said in Peking today.

Sir Christopher, who has had several days of talks in Peking with senior Chinese officials, said that he was delighted that it had been possible to make so much progress in so short a time. "We have taken the first step towards a closer and more fruitful relationship."

He had talks with Mr Li Hsien-nien, a Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, the Foreign Minister.

The significance of the agreement is seen as lying not so much in the immediate trading advantages for either side as in the fact that China is the first communist country, besides Yugoslavia, to agree to treat the European Community as a trading unit and enter into agreements with it. This is in sharp contrast to the hostile attitude of the Soviet Union and other member states of the East European Comecon trading block.

With the official expiry this year of trade agreements negotiated by individual governments belonging to the European Community, proposals have been sent out to the communist countries that they should renew their agreements with the Community as a whole.

China's agreement to do so is not only encouraging in itself, but may exert pressure on the Comecon states to reconsider the position imposed on them by Moscow.

In immediate practical terms China will not gain much from its establishment of relations with the Community.

China already enjoys something approaching most-favoured-nation status in its trade with the member states. There may be an improvement in some of the quotas for Chinese exports, such as textiles. But the main gains will be of a more general nature. The Chinese representative in Brussels, when appointed, will be able to learn the views and problems of the Community at first hand from its official representatives instead of from the individual member states.

Talks about a trade agreement would be pursued in Brussels, Sir Christopher said. It would be a framework agreement laying down general principles of commercial relations rather than specific details of the exchange of goods.

The Chinese side had asked especially about the Community's relations with Taiwan and had been assured that all the member states recognized the People's Republic as the sole legal Government of China.

Asked about the Chinese attitude to the British referendum on membership of the EEC, Sir Christopher said that during his talks in Peking there had been "many references to the desire of the Government of the People's Republic of China to see a strong European Community developed to the fullest extent".

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Portugal and Zambia agree on closer cooperation

rom Our Correspondent
isbon, May 8

President Kaunda of Zambia ft Lisbon today after a two- ay visit largely taken up by igh level conversations, mainly ith President Francisco Costa omes and Senhor Vasco oncalves, the Prime Minister. t the same time Mr F. M. ulikita, Zambian Education inister, Mr M. L. Lishomwa, onomic adviser, and other embers of President Kaunda's rty conferred with members the Portuguese Government id leading specialists.

A communiqué issued at the d of the talks said that Presi- nt Kaunda's conversations d "embraced a wide range of atters including relationships d cooperation between Portu- l and Zambia, as well as ques- ns relevant to the African litical situation and that of e world".

During his stay the President nounced that his country would open a diplomatic mission in Lisbon this year. The Portuguese Government has decided to do the same in Lusaka.

The communiqué said Zambian and Portuguese officials had discussed details of cooperation in technology, science, culture and trade. Cultural relations would include the granting of scholarships for the study of Portuguese and an exchange of technicians. A trade agreement is to be drafted, and a Portuguese mission will visit Zambia to work out details.

Before leaving, President Kaunda held a press conference during which he emphasized that President Costa Gomes and his colleagues had "stretched out to us the hand of friendship". He said that he and his officials were very pleased with what had been achieved. "From now on Zambia is ready to cooperate fully with this revolutionary Government," he said.

hree liberation factions put country's peace at risk

Civil war feared in Angola

Nicholas Ashford

The latest outbreak of violce between rival nationalist oups in Luanda, the capital of ngola, once again raises the ossibility that the huge west frican territory may be facing vil war. Although it is always angerous to make comparisons etween nations, it is hard not draw a parallel between ngola on the eve of its indendence from Portugal with its orthern neighbour Zaire (forerly Congo) which suffered ars of internal conflict after elgium's withdrawal in 1960.

There have been three seris outbreaks of internecine ghting since three liberation ovements—the National Front r the Liberation of Angola NLA), the Popular Movement for the Liberation of ngola (MPLA) and the Union r the Total Independence of ngola (Unita), signed an indendence agreement with Porgal in the Algarve last nuary.

It seems almost certain there ll be more bloodshed between w and independence which is heduled to take place on Novber 11. Whether this can be stricted, as has so far been e case, to a series of uncon- cted battles taking place ainly in the capital or will velop into a more generalized nflict in other parts of the untry, remains to be seen; t the nationalists are clearly coming increasingly cornered

So far, the fighting has inlved only two of the three tionalist groups — the oist MPLA and the right- ng FNLA which is strongly pported by President Mobutu Zaire. Luanda is traditionally PLA territory, but the FNLA s been moving men and uipment into the capital. This has inevitably created ction and in the overcrowded anty towns of Luanda; it does t take much to transform a nor incident involving one or o trigger-happy guerrillas to a major clash in which ores get killed. It is indica- e of the nature of the fight- g so far that of the thousand more people who have been led, most were innocent ilians.

Unita, which is based on Luso central Angola, has thus far anaged to avoid becoming emoiled in the conflict. Its ader, Dr Jonas Savimbi, inreasingly gives the impression at he is waiting for the other n groups to cut themselves to eces before making his first ve in the struggle for power.

It was always foreseen that ngola's progress towards inpendence would be more difcult than in Portugal's other frican territories. Unlike ozambique and Guinea-Bissau, where the Portuguese were dealing with a single nationalist movement, in Angola there were three competing groups, divided by ideology, personal rivalries and ethnic differences.

The Algarve agreement succeeded, with commendable ingenuity in papering over these divisions. It provided for the formation of a provisional coalition government, similar to Portugal's, to rule Angola during the transition period. The government is headed by a three-member presidential college with chairmanship rotating between the three nationalist groups. A national defence committee was set up under the Portuguese High Commissioner, Brigadier Silva Cardoso, whose function was not only to maintain peace and security during the transitional period but to carry out the integration of the guerrilla forces to form a new united Angolan army (initially including Portuguese troops).

However, it has proved increasingly difficult to translate the good intentions expressed in the Algarve into the reality of the political situation existing in Angola. For instance, the tripartite government has made virtually no progress in preparing the country for independence; now only six months away. A provisional constitution is still not complete and work has not even begun on drafting a law for the elections which are to be held before independence. More seriously, the outbreaks of factional fighting have meant that there has been virtually no progress in integrating the guerrillas armed forces.

Under the Algarve agreement, each of the three groups should have contributed 2,000 men to the mixed force by the end of this month, with the Portuguese contributing a further 6,000. However, the nationalists at present seem more interested in building up their own strength than losing men to a force which they feel, perhaps rightly, to be unworkable.

The most vulnerable of the three at present is the MPLA whose military strength has been weakened by the loss of a breakaway group known as the "Chipenda Faction" to the FNLA. The MPLA has suffered most during the clashes in Luanda and its leader, Dr Agostino Neto, gave the appearance of being a very worried man when he turned up in Lisbon for consultations last month.

By contrast, the FNLA has been moving more forces from its bases across the border in Zaire and, supported by ample funds from President Mobutu (who is related by marriage to the FNLA's leader, Mr Holden Roberto), it now has an impressive array of modern weapons.

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REFERENDUM on 5th June

VOTING BY POST

Applications must arrive by **Monday 19th May**

If you cannot vote at your polling station at the Referendum on 5th June 1975 you may be entitled to vote by post. The main grounds on which you can apply to do this are:

1 **If you have moved to an address in another electoral division since 10th October 1974 (in Northern Ireland 15th September).**

2 **If you are ill, disabled or blind.**

3 **If you will be away on polling day because of the general nature of your job (but *NOT* because you are on holiday).**

If you think you qualify for a postal vote on any of these grounds, the Electoral Registration Officer‡ (whose address is displayed in main Post Offices) can give you the proper form to apply for a postal vote, a franked envelope in which to return it and any information or advice you need.

You can, however, for convenience use one of the forms below, but it must be delivered to the Electoral Registration Officer‡ for the *area in which you are registered*, preferably by first class mail (7p stamp) or by hand, **not later than 19th May.**

If you wish to apply on other grounds (such as religious observance, or because a sea or air journey is needed to get you from your home to your polling station, or as a postal proxy voter) ask the Electoral Registration Officer‡ for a *special* form.

If you were granted a postal vote before or since the last election you may be able to vote *only* by post and a ballot paper will be sent to the address you gave for this purpose. If you want to make any change inform the Electoral Registration Officer‡ for the area in which you are registered as an elector.

There is no postal voting from overseas. If you will be at sea or out of the U.K. on polling day because of your job, you may be entitled to appoint a proxy to vote for you. Ask the Electoral Registration Officer‡ for Form RPF 10A.

Please follow these instructions when filling in either form.
USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON · PRINT CLEARLY IN BALLPOINT PEN · GIVE FULL POSTAL ADDRESSES · APPLICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED · BE CERTAIN YOU USE THE CORRECT FORM · DO NOT APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON · DIRECT ANY QUERIES TO THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER‡ WHOSE ADDRESS IS IN YOUR MAIN POST OFFICE

If you think you qualify under 2 or 3 above apply on this form.

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Application to be treated as an absent voter because of occupation or physical incapacity

I, (*Surname, block letters*) _____

(*Other names, block letters*) _____

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am qualified to be registered as an elector for (*address in full, in block letters*)

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I apply to be treated as an absent voter at the referendum and parliamentary and local government elections because I am likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station (or, where (*c*) or (*d*) below applies, to vote unaided)

*(*a*) by reason of the general nature of my occupation, service or employment as

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(*Give full reasons for application*)

*(*b*) by reason of the general nature of the occupation, service or employment of my *husband/wife as

_____

and my resulting absence from my qualifying address until

_____ (*insert likely date of return*)

to be with my *husband/wife

*(*c*) by reason of blindness †(in respect of which I have been registered as a blind person by the _____

_____ Council)

*(*d*) by reason of physical incapacity (Note on right)

Signed _____ Date _____

Address in the United Kingdom to which ballot paper is to be sent (if different from address given above).

(*Block letters*) _____

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**Delete whichever is inapplicable.*

†If the applicant is not registered as a blind person, the words in brackets should be deleted and the certificate below completed.

Note: Where the ground of application is blindness (and the applicant is not registered as a blind person) or other physical incapacity, the certificate/declaration below will be accepted if it is signed by a doctor (or by a Christian Science practitioner). It *may* be refused if it is signed by someone else.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE/DECLARATION

(For use where (*c*) or (*d*) on left applies, unless the applicant is registered as a blind person).

I certify/declare that—

(*a*) the statement at (*c*) or (*d*) on left is correct;

(*b*) the applicant's inability is likely to continue

for _____ months/indefinitely*

**It is important to indicate which alternative applies.*

Signature _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

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Date _____

Send this form to the Electoral Registration Officer‡ for the area in which you are registered. Mark the envelope "1st Class Post – Referendum".

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If you think you qualify under 1 above apply on this form.

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Application to vote by post owing to change of residence

I, (*Surname, block letters*) _____

(*Other names, block letters*) _____

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am registered as an elector for (*old address in full, in block letters*)

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I apply to be treated as an absent voter at the referendum and parliamentary elections because I no longer reside there. My new address is (*new address in full, in block letters*)

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Signed _____ Date _____

NOTES

(1) This application, if allowed, will continue in force for all parliamentary elections so long as you remain registered for your old address.

(2) Temporary absence e.g., on holiday, does NOT constitute a change of residence.

Send this form to the Electoral Registration Officer‡ for the area in which you are registered, *not* where you are living now. Mark the envelope "1st Class Post – Referendum".

RPF8X

‡Deputy Returning Officer in Northern Ireland.

OVERSEAS

Mr Wilson finds the going a little heavy in Washington

From Fred Emery
Washington, May 8

Mr Wilson and his party left Washington this morning after a dinner with the leading lights of the Ford Administration that went past midnight.

According to officials, they had lively discussions over the meal at the British Ambassador's residence and over drinks afterwards, with three quarters of the time devoted to the Middle East.

Little hard information has emerged because only a few were present, but American officials suggested the Middle East discussion, while concerned with the uncompleted American policy reassessment, probably resulted in the conclusion that Britain and others will not be present at the Geneva conference.

Mr Wilson publicly stated here it was up to the parties involved. But the British Government is said to agree with the Americans that enlargement of the conference to include non-involved parties, could result in the conference degenerating into a mini United Nations.

Another Middle East topic was said to have been landing facilities for United States Air Force Transports in the event of another Middle East war.

Now that Portugal has stated the Azores bases cannot be used for this purpose, there is some thought here that a Labour Government might be more amenable to helping the Israelis than was Mr Heath.

Those attending the dinner on the American side were Dr Kissinger, Secretary of State, Dr Schlesinger, Secretary of Defence, Mr Rumsfeld, White House chief of staff, Mr Joseph Sisco, Under Secretary of State, and Mr J. William Fulbright, the former Senator from Arkansas.

The question of Concorde landing in America was also discussed but only in passing, one official said. On the British side an attempt was made to play down the Prime Minister's disclosure at a news conference last night that he had discussed *the matter with President Ford.*

This appeared to be the first time it had been officially said to have been taken up at presidential level. It is known, however, that President Giscard d'Estaing raised it with Mr Ford at Martinique last December, so it was felt natural for Mr Wilson to do likewise.

It may be assumed that Mr Wilson repeated to Mr Ford the political dismay there would be in Britain if Concorde was to be excluded on discriminatory grounds. The Ford administration has already been told this dismay could lead to pressure for retaliation, without, of course, the British Government embracing such an unfriendly thought.

Mr Wilson's press conference rebuttal of American news commentaries saying that Britain was going down the drain because of communists, inflation and the slide into socialism, has gone unnoticed.

Recent reports have not been confined to television. Mr Wilson could have made his homeward reading today's *Wall Street Journal.* It had an article on page one from London entitled "*Red scare?*" and beginning with an interview with Mr Kenneth Gill, a section secretary in the engineering workers' union. Mr Gill, says the journal, "finds that he must really work to stir up resentment against the encrusted class".

Yesterday's *Wall Street Journal* carried a commentary from London from Mr Vermont Royster, the newspaper's former editor, now an occasional columnist. He likened the referendum battle to the War of the Roses and described it as a struggle between the "House of Wilson . . . and the House of Benn" for political ascendancy.

Russia is caught in Iraq-Syria conflict

From Paul Martin
Beirut, May 8

The worsening conflict between Iraq and Syria has reached a point where it poses a potential threat to the higher interests of the Soviet Union, their common ally.

The crisis, ostensibly over the waters of the Euphrates, *has now assumed the dimensions of a deadly inter-Baathist* ideological war.

So far Moscow has been reluctant to play any role in the dispute, even though the focal *point of it is the Soviet-built* dam on the Syrian stretch of the Euphrates at Tabqa.

Iraq has demanded that the Russians should live up to the "responsibilities" the dam has given them, while the Syrians have asked Moscow to bring pressure to bear on Baghdad.

Moscow's dilemma in this inter-Arab conflict is clear. Both regimes are armed by the Soviet Union, both pursue socialist programmes and are regarded as shop windows for Soviet influence in the Arab world. Increasingly, Syria has become the fulcrum of Russian policy in the Arab-Israel crisis, while Iraq is its sole foothold in the Persian Gulf.

Clearly, the Russians, like other interested parties in the Arab world, had hoped that Arab mediation could cool tempers in both Damascus and Baghdad. However, that has not happened.

Although the main issue remains the sharing of the waters of the Euphrates, the tone of the radio and press campaigns waged by both regimes suggests that this is merely a side issue. In the past few weeks the verbal battles have concentrated on the ideological issues that divide the Baathist rivals in Baghdad and Damascus.

The two regimes have always been at *loggerheads. However,* there is evidence that they have now begun to plot actively against one another. Using a flimsy pretext, the Syrians have recently mounted a political *purge of suspected Iraq* sympathizers within their own ruling party. The Syrians also claim that the Iraqis have executed more than 50 political personalities in recent weeks.

From a Soviet point of view all this is most disturbing. The Russians realize that Iraq, without its Kurdish problem and at peace with Iran, is now in a position to turn its attention elsewhere. It has long been felt by zealots within the Baath Party in Baghdad that an ideological "correction" in Syria would be an important step in realizing Iraq's Arab aims.

INDO-CHINA

Staff of the French embassy in Phnom Penh struggle with Mr Ung Bun Hor, President of the Cambodian National Assembly, centre, after he had been refused sanctuary.

Sanctuary where hatred and despair took over

From Jean-Jacques Cazaux
Bangkok, May 8

In the 400 hours that passed between the fall of Phnom Penh and *the evacuation of* the last refugees, the French Embassy changed from being the one place of safety and hope for 1,200 people into an entrenched camp filled with *rising animosity,* bad temper and despair

The embassy's luxurious buildings and well-tended gardens soon lost their dignity under the sudden wave of frightened humanity. Some Frenchmen lost their dignity even more quickly as they launched into horrifying recitals of their personal disasters caused by "Khmer Rouge thirsty for blood and vengeance".

By far the most dignified were the 600 Cambodians, who agreed to leave and set out on the long march into the country*side when they understood that* their presence was endangering the safety of foreigners in the compound.

Other communities were hardly noticed, being used to living in a closed group. A colony of Vietnamese women spent their time tending cooking pots and looking for herbs. Pakistanis sold their cloth at what they thought was a good price not knowing that the currency of the Cambodian Republic was now valueless.

Six Russians walked tirelessly round the garden, three men on one side, three women on the other. Ten carefree young Laotians from the American Embassy arrived with a Mercedes and a supply of marijuana.

The refugees split up into national groups, cemented by criticism of their neighbours and by the tensions which soon sprang up among the white community, convinced they were the target of *all injustices.*

Passions mounted fast and with them bad manners, pettiness, meanness and cowardice in a community which thought itself superior to "the savages in the streets". The moral decline was intensified with isolation, lack of water, rationing of rice and lack of milk for the babies. Everyone showed his true colours.

Arguments turned into insults, then threats. The journalists did their share of bickering as they engaged in a bitter discussion on the merits of a total embargo on news from Cambodia until the last refugees were safely out.

Alone in his office, working day and night, only one man was able to maintain his iden*tity and his humanity* almost to the end—an unknown consul called Jean Dyrac.

Then, one day after the Khmer Rouge authorities had ordered him to halt radio contact with France on *April 27,* leaving him cut off from the world, he finally broke. Bursting into sobs he said what had to be said of all of us: "We are no longer men."—Agence France-Presse.

Cambodians expel last group of foreigners

Aranyaprathet, Thailand, May 8.—The final group of some 550 foreigners expelled from Cambodia by the new Government arrived today at the Thai frontier.

The group, comprising about 230 Frenchmen and 120 citizens of other countries, including four Americans, some Italians, Indians, Swedes, Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese, sought refuge in the French Embassy in Phnom Penh. It also included more than 200 Pakistanis picked up by the convoy during its four-day journey from Phnom Penh to the border.

M Marc Bonnefous, special emissary of the French Government, visited the 550 at the Cambodian side of the border and said that all were relatively healthy except for one old person who was transferred to the border in an ambulance.

The Cambodian lorries pulled up at the bridge that marks the border shortly before 10 am. It was expected to be several hours before formalities were completed and the full group had crossed into Thailand.

The number of evacuees was nearly twice as big as originally expected. It was thought that this was because of a decision by the communists to rid Cambodia of all foreigners.—New York Times News Service.

Camp Pendleton, California, May 8.—Marshal Lon Nol, the former President of Cambodia, was given $1m (£435,000) by his Government to leave the country, it was alleged last night at Camp Pendleton, where Cambodian refugees are being housed.

Mr Long Bottha, who was Minister of Culture before Phnom Penh fell to Khmer Rouge insurgents, said Marshal Lon Nol had originally been offered $200,000 to leave the country but refused it.

Britain to give grants to aid the poorest of the poor

By a Staff Reporter

Government grants of 50 per cent will be given to voluntary societies for selected development projects aimed at helping "the poorest people in the poorest countries", Mrs Judith Hart, the Minister of Overseas Development, announced in London yesterday.

An initial £500,000 was being allocated in the current financial year for use in grants to British voluntary agencies and societies to ensure that aid *funds reached the poorest* people in developing countries.

Mrs Hart denied that this programme implied criticism of the ability of developing countries to use aid to help their poorest citizens. She said the governments wanted these things done, but found them very difficult to do.

Projects costing up to £50,000 will be considered by the ministry,

Communists forced hospital patients to leave Phnom Penh

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patients had little chance of surviving. On April 17, the day this happened, Phnom Penh's biggest hospital had more than 2,000 patients and there were several thousand more in other hospitals. Many of the wounded were dying for lack of care.

A *once-throbbing city* became an echo chamber of silent streets lined with abandoned cars and gaping, empty shops. Street lights burned eerily for a population that *was no longer there.*

The end of the old and the start of the new began early on the morning of April 17. At the telegraph office the line went dead for mechanical reasons at 6 am.

Thousands of new refugees and fleeing soldiers were filling the heart of the capital, wandering aimlessly, looking for shelter, as they awaited the city's imminent collapse.

Everyone—Cambodians and foreigners alike—thought this had to be. Phnom Penh's most miserable hour after long days of fear and privation as the communist forces drew closer. They looked ahead with hopeful relief to the collapse of the city, for they felt that when the communists came in and *the war finally ended,* at least the suffering would largely be over. All of us were wrong.

That view of the future Cambodia, as a possibly flexible place even under communism, where changes would not be extreme and ordinary folk would be left alone, turned out to be false.

American officials had described the communists as indecisive and often ill-coordinated, but they turned out to be firm, determined, well-trained, tough and disciplined.

The thousands of troops we saw both in the countryside and in Phnom Penh, while they included women soldiers and boy militia, some of whom seemed no more than 10 years old, looked healthy, well organized, heavily armed and well trained.

Another prediction made by the Americans was that the communists would carry out a bloodbath once they took over, massacring as many as 20,000 high officials and intellectuals.

There have been unconfirmed reports of executions of *senior military and civilian* officials, and no one who witnessed the takeover doubts that leading personalities of the old regime will be or have been punished and perhaps *killed, or that a large number* of people will die of the hardships on the march into the countryside. But none of this will apparently bear any resemblance to the mass executions that had been predicted by Westerners.

(At a press conference on Tuesday President Ford reiterated reports, which he called hard intelligence, that 80 to 90 Cambodian officials and their wives had been executed.)

On the first day, as the sun rose, a short journey by car to the northern edge of the city showed soldiers and refugees pouring in. The northern defence line had obviously collapsed.

By the time I reached the *Hotel Le Phnom* and climbed the two flights of stairs to my room, the retreat could be clearly seen from my window and small arms fire could be heard in the city. At 6.30 am I wrote in my notebook: "The city is falling."

Over the next couple of hours, there were periodic exchanges of fire as the Khmer Rouge encountered some pockets of resistance. But most Government soldiers were busy preparing to surrender and welcome the Khmer Rouge, as were civilians. White flags suddenly sprouted from housetops and from the tops of armoured personnel carriers, which resemble tanks.

Some soldiers were taking the clips out of their rifles, others were taking off their uniforms and changing into civilian clothes. Some government office workers were hastily changing into the black pyjamas worn by many of the Khmer Rouge.

Shortly before 9 am, the first Khmer Rouge approached our hotel, coming from the north down Monivong Boulevard. A crowd of soldiers and civilians, including *journalists,* churned forth to greet them, cheering and applauding and embracing and linking arms to form a phalanx as they approached.

The next few hours saw quite a bit of this celebrating though shooting continued here and there in the city, some of it only a few hundred yards from the hotel.

The cheerful and pleasant troops we first encountered—we learnt later that they had been disarmed and their leader declared a traitor—were swiftly displaced by battle-hardened soldiers.

While some of these were occasionally friendly, or at least not hostile, they were also all business. Dripping with grenades, pistols, rifles and rockets, they immediately began clearing the city of civilians.

Using loudspeakers, or simply shouting and brandishing weapons, they swept through the streets, ordering people out of their houses. At first we thought it applied only to the rich in villas, but we quickly saw that the order was for everyone as the streets became clogged with a sorrowful exodus.

In the days to follow, during the foreign colony's confinement in the French Embassy compound, we heard reports on international news broadcasts that the communists had evacuated the city by telling the people that the United States was about to bomb it.

However, all the departing civilians I talked with said they had been given no reason other than that the city had to be reorganized and had been told that they had to go far from Phnom Penh.

The exodus did not grow heavy until dusk. Some hours before that I had had my first experience with the tougher soldiers. With Dith Pran, a local employee of *The New York Times,* Jon Swain of *The Sunday Times* of London, Alan Rockoff, a freelance American photographer, and our driver, Sarun, we had gone to look at conditions in the largest civilian hospital, Preah Keth Mealea. Doctors and surgeons, out of fear, had failed to come to work and the wounded were bleeding to death in the corridors.

As we emerged from the operating block at 1 pm and started driving towards the front gate, we were confronted by a band of heavily armed troops just then coming into the grounds. They put guns to our heads and, shouting angrily, threatened us with execution. They took everything—cameras, radio, money, typewriters, the car—and ordered us into an armoured troop carrier, slamming the hatch and rear door shut. We thought we were finished.

The rest is a long story, *which I hope to tell in sepa*rate form, but the short of it is that Mr Dith Pran saved our lives, first by getting into the troop carrier with us, and then by talking soothingly to our captors for two and a half hours and finally convincing them that we were not their enemies but merely foreign journalists covering their victory.

At one point they asked if any of us were Americans. We said: "No", speaking French all the time and letting Dith Pran translate into Khmer. But if they had looked into the bags they had confiscated, which they did not, they would have found my passport and Mr Rockoff's.

We spent a very frightened half-hour sweating in the baking troop carrier, during a journey on which two more prisoners were picked up—Cambodians in civilian clothes who were *high military* officers and who were, if that is possible, even more frightened than we.

Then followed two hours in the open under guard at the northern edge of the town *while* Dith Pran pulled off his miracle negotiation with our captors, as we watched gidd soldiers passing with lorry loads of looted cloth, wine, spirits, cigarettes and soft drinks, scattering some of the booty to soldiers along the roadside.

We also watched civilian *refugees leaving the city.* We thought they were people who had fled into the city from the near outskirts in the last days of the fighting and were now returning home. We did not yet realize that people were being evacuated forcibly.

We were finally released at 3.30 pm, but the two Cambodian military men were held, one of them praying softly.

After our release we went to the Information Ministry, because we had heard about a broadcast directing high officials of the old regime to report there.

When we arrived about 50 prisoners were standing outside the building, among them Mr Lon Non, the younger brother of President Lon Nol who went into exile on April 1, and Brigadier-General Chin Chuon, who was close to the former President. Other generals and Cabinet ministers were also there,

Mr Long Boret, the Prime Minister, who the day before had made an offer of surrender with certain conditions only to have it immediately rejected, arrived at the Ministry an hour later. He was one of the seven "traitors" the communists had listed for execution.—New York Times News Service.

A miasma of defeat and misery in tent city

From Patrick Brogan
Fort Eglin, Florida, May 8

Another cargo of Vietnamese refugees was flown into this subtropical and isolated air base last night. There were 375 of them, coming with brief stops from another tent camp on Guam, and as they came down the aircraft's gangways into the huge hangar ready for them, they were the very picture of all the refugees of history.

Huddled masses, yearning to be free, as the inscription on the Statue of Liberty puts it. They were not barefooted and ill-clad peasants, like the Palestinians fleeing the Israelis in 1957, and they no longer show the fear and carry the impediments of precipitate flight, as they did a few weeks ago and as did so many Europeans pursued by arenging armies in 1940 and 1945.

Many of them are well *dressed, all of them are well* fed, and most of them are fatalistic about their condition. All but the youngest carry around them an almost palpable miasma of defeat and misery.

Fort Eglin is an extremely depressing place. The other two, much larger, camps, in California and Arkansas might thereby be more depresing still. They, however, are not isolated in a swamp.

Some of the little children are quite impervious to all this sadness. They say: "Hello" to visitors and others swing *happily on the brightly coloured* equipment provided by generous Floridans. Their insouciance brings out the adult's unhappiness.

The tent city is the sort of place most people left behind without regret after their National Service. Hundreds of olive green tents, lined up with military pedantry, each set 18 inches off the ground upon a plywood floor, with a low plywood wall, a couple of feet high, to keep out the draughts.

The first refugee off the aircraft in Florida was a neurosurgeon and he and his family were whisked off to stay with a doctor in central Florida immediately.

The volunteers and the volunteer agencies, church organizations and the Red Cross, will have greater difficulties with other refugees, former policemen and soldiers in particular.

Another 100,000 are to follow. It is not a large *number for a* country this size and perhaps the view of Los Angeles from the California camp next to former President Nixon's house in San Clemente will encourage optimism among refugees and volunteers. Those in tents in a Florida swamp, 60 miles from the nearest town, with no other contact than soldiers and reporters feel less happy.

They will discover soon enough that they are not welcome in America. Like so many immigrants before them, they will have to make their own way.

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The Queen meets two stars of Japanese television, Chieko Matsubara (centre) and Koji Isbizaka, during a visit yesterday to the NHK studio on Tokyo.

Emperor's tribute to the Queen

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, May 8

The Queen, who was introduced to Japanese martial arts and flower arrangements during the second day of her state visit today, was informed by Emperor Hirohito last night that no other foreign guest to Japan had received such an enthusiastic welcome in Tokyo.

As thousands lined the streets again today, to applaud the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they drove through the city, a spokesman for the imperial household said that Emperor Hirohito had been highly impressed by the large crowds which had turned out yesterday.

According to interpreters, the Emperor, who has received President Ford and several other heads of state in recent years, told the Queen: "No other foreign guests have been welcomed as enthusiastically along the road from the state guest house to the Imperial Palace by the Japanese people; and I believe there would have been more people had private railways not been on strike.

The Queen's popularity rose again today as Japanese, who are usually kept at a distance from their Emperor, watched the royal couple relax and chat *informally to reporters, politicians*, actors and gymnasts who entertained them.

The Queen began a second busy day of the six-day state visit wearing a turquoise coat and hat. After meeting the diplomatic corps at a reception at the state guest house this morning, she drove through the city to visit the Diet (Parliament) and meet representatives of the Lower and Upper Houses at a reception.

An estimated 438 MPs, including Communists, crowded round the Queen in the narrow reception hall when she stepped off the dias to chat freely with many of them. She appeared to be most interested in the few women politicians who were present. As she left the hall, MPs accorded her prolonged and warm applause.

One of Japan's leading newspapers, *Mainichi Shimbun*, this morning compared the open and friendly public appearances of the Queen to those of the Emperor, who never mixes informally with journalists or the public.

The newspaper said: "The Emperor only meets imperial household correspondents once a year, and that is just for a greeting. On the contrary, it was a mini-party when journalists met the Queen and Prince Philip.

"It was the very first time that we saw people shake hands and talk face to face with a Queen . . . quite the opposite with the Emperor."

Later today, the Queen attended a lunch given by Keidanren, the federation of economic organizations of Japan. Replying to a speech by her host, Mr Toshio Doko, the president of Keidanren, she said that the number of businessmen and tourists travelling between the two countries had grown from a trickle to a flood.

"In recent decades, the British people have watched with admiration the remarkable growth in the Japanese economy and the consequent improvement in the living standards of her people . . . British industry *is now giving serious attention* to the large and growing Japanese market, and Japanese goods and products are well known and popular in Britain. I hope that trade will flourish for its own sake, but still more because it is, and will be, the mainspring of Anglo-Japanese relations."

During the day, the Queen removed her shoes and entered a Japanese-style house with grass mats at the Akasaka Palace, where she watched a display of *Ikebana*, Japanese flower arrangements.

In the afternoon, she and the Duke inspected the studios of NHK, the Japanese equivalent of the BBC.

Tokyo, May 8.—Japan National Railway workers began a *72-hour strike today*, forcing an estimated 19 million people either to stay at home or find other means of transport.—UPI.

Action in case of new oil embargo analysed

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

American military intervention in the event of another Arab oil embargo would be unlikely to provide enough oil in time to avoid the "strangulation" of leading industrialized countries, it is claimed in a new analysis today.

Moreover, it would cause a serious rift between the United States and its allies in Europe and Japan, which probably would be opposed to military action, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in its *Strategic Survey for 1974*.

This is despite the institute's assessment that the Americans, even if they acted on their own, should have the military capability to mount attacks against one Middle East or North African target, and against Venezuela as well if necessary; but the IISS also points out that the implied warnings which poured out of Washington last year had a political purpose, not a military one.

They were in line with the new strategic thinking elaborated by Dr James Schlesinger, the Defence Secretary, reflecting the tendency to use the argument of American military strength in the diplomatic field.

In assessing the likely success or failure of military intervention, it contends that to meet the needs of the industrialized world, an invading force would have to secure and operate the oilfields of the western Persian Gulf coast and probably those in North Africa as well.

It has already been suggested that the most suitable area for intervention would be the 400-mile strip of coast from Kuwait to Qatar, which includes 1,778 wells grouped in 31 oilfields and served by nine refineries and 10 ports; but the Arabs, who have threatened to sabotage the oil in the event of military attack, could do so in three different ways.

One would be to destroy the existing wells, either by filling them in with concrete and rubble, which would require skilled labour and time, or by setting fire to the wells—which would have the disadvantage of using up much of the valuable oil reserves.

Another would be to wreck the pumping stations—complex, purpose-built installations which could not easily be replaced by an expeditionary force. A third would be to destroy pipelines and port facilities.

For a military intervention to be successful, it would therefore have to be carried out with large forces equipped to do difficult repair work. They would also have to surprise the Arabs, who themselves would react with all the modern military weapons which they have received from the West.

In assessing the methods of intervention, the IISS says that it could be mounted from the sea, with helicopter-borne marines as assault troops. However, the appearance of ships in the Gulf or the sudden reinforcement of the Sixth Fleet for a Mediterranean operation would obviously not pass unnoticed.

An airborne operation would be difficult to mount and might involve up to 60,000 men. Strategic transport aircraft would need to stage in "friendly" airfields, and there would be the difficulty of acquiring overflying rights. *The Strategic Survey* 1974 is published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, £1.

Rhodesian minister says Africans delaying talks

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, May 8

A Government minister has accused the African National Council of delaying settlement talks in the hope that outside pressure may force Rhodesia to make hasty decisions.

Mr Edward Sutton Pryce, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's office, said in a television interview that the ANC was hoping pressure would build up after June 25 when Mozambique became independent.

If this was so the ANC would be sadly disillusioned because the Rhodesian Government would not be stampeded by external pressures into making decisions not in the interest of Rhodesia.

Asked to comment on Bishop Muzorewa's statement that the ANC would fight if it did not achieve majority rule peacefully, the Minister said: "If this sort of statement is designed to make one's blood curdle, then it is totally counter-productive because all it achieves is to make one's blood boil".

The newly formed United Conservative Party, led by Mr William Harper, a former Rhodesian Front Cabinet minister, has released its constitutional proposals, which include a system of separate legislatures for blacks and whites. Under this system, the party says, the need for blacks and whites in Rhodesia to compete for power would be eliminated.

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Czech policemen raid flats in search of papers

By Our Foreign Staff

Police have raided more than 50 flats in Czechoslovakia in the past week and removed manuscripts, documents and books. Several people were detained.

Among those held is Mr Zdenek Mlynar, formerly a senior party official, who helped to formulate the reform programme started under the leadership of Mr Alexander Dubcek in 1968. Others affected include Mr Jaromir Litera, Mr Karel Kren and Dr R. Horak, all of whom were associated with the liberal Dubcek regime.

The police appear to be looking for a 200-page manuscript believed to contain a lengthy analysis of the present state of the country and the relevance of reformist ideology. It appears to have been timed to influence the pan-European meeting of communist parties due later this year. It could be highly embarrassing to the regime which claims to have "normalized" the country.

Dr Castro urges US to lift trade boycott

Havana, May 8.—Dr Fidel Castro, the Cuban Prime Minister, strongly urged the United States last night partially to lift its trade embargo against Cuba by resuming shipments of food and medicine.

At a press conference between private meetings with Senator George McGovern, Dr Castro denied any Cuban role in the assassination of President Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald. He said that any such association by Cuba would have been "absurd, irresponsible, crazy—and a very dangerous measure".

Dr Castro said it was "not news for us" that the Central Intelligence Agency had been involved in various attempts to kill him and other leaders of the Cuban revolution.

Replying to questions he said that for many years his security forces had uncovered plots against his regime. "In many of these cases those who were sent were trained by the CIA, maintained and armed by the CIA, and in some cases the weapons used were smuggled out of the Guantanamo naval base."

Dr Castro added that President Kennedy had been an adversary, having been President during the Bay of Pigs invasion, but he considered him "an intelligent man who had begun to understand the errors of his policies and perhaps Kennedy would have made some steps towards (improving relations with) Cuba".

Most of the press conference was devoted to the issue of the trade blockade imposed against Cuba by the United States in 1964.

He felt that the United States should reciprocate with an "important step" that would match his gesture in signing an agreement with the United States to halt the wave of aircraft hijackings to Cuba.

Dr Castro and his associates have repeatedly told Senator McGovern and other United States visitors that Cuba wants a relaxation of the trade boycott before negotiating other issues such as the release of United States prisoners in Cuban jails and the compensation for United States property worth $1,800m (£783m) expropriated after Dr Castro seized power.

"We prefer a total lifting" of the blockade, he said, but even the resumption of shipments to Cuba of food and medicine "will help a lot".

Asked about the Organization of American States, which is convening in Washington this week to debate sanctions against Cuba, Dr Castro said that his country would never rejoin the OAS. "The best action the OAS could take would be to dissolve itself" because of its role "as an instrument of American domination" in Latin American affairs.

Asked how he would view possible relations with President Ford's Administration as opposed to that of Mr Nixon, Dr Castro said that he considered Mr Nixon had "a personal hostility against Cuba and many counter-revolutionary friends. President Ford does not have any personal hostility. And the fact the Vietnam war is over helps to improve relations".—AP.

Sakharovs on hunger strike

Moscow, May 8.—Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist, and his wife, Yelena, today began a three-day hunger strike in protest against official refusal to let Mrs Sakharov go to Italy for treatment for an eye disease which, she says, will soon make her blind.

They told Western correspondents in their Moscow flat they believed the refusal was an act of revenge for Dr Sakharov's long-standing campaign for wider human rights in the Soviet Union.

In an appeal to the leaders of the Soviet Union, America, Britain, France and West Germany—the combatants of the Second World War—the Sakharovs said the start of their fast was timed to coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of the war's end.

Mrs Sakharov, who is 52, counts as a war invalid. Her eye disease originates from injuries she suffered when a bomb hit a railway carriage in which she was working as a nurse in northern Russia in 1942. She has undergone five unsuccessful courses of treatment in Soviet clinics.—Reuter.

Greek Cypriots pin hope on American initiative

From Our Correspondent
Athens, May 8

Greek and Greek Cypriot leaders announced in Athens today that they had agreed on a common policy towards Cyprus after conferring for two hours to reassess the whole issue in the light of the Vienna talks and American initiatives.

President Makarios of Cyprus, who arrived from Washington today after meeting Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, had an exchange of views with Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister. The discussion was also attended by Mr. Glafkos Clerides, the Speaker of the Cyprus Parliament, who briefed them on the first phase of the Vienna intercommunal talks.

After the conference Mr Karamanlis said the two governments had "absolutely the same line on the present position of the Cyprus question, as well as on the future handling of the problem".

Archbishop Makarios concurred by stating: "I endorse."

President Makarios and Mr Clerides are due to return to Cyprus tomorrow. Although the results of the Vienna talks are clearly disappointing, there seems to be increased hope for a Cyprus solution.

The Cypriot president, who had attended the Commonwealth Conference in Jamaica, said on arrival here that he was extremely pleased with the solidarity of Commonwealth countries with Cyprus, as well as with the creation of a committee which would follow developments.

Delhi postpones security bill after opposition uproar

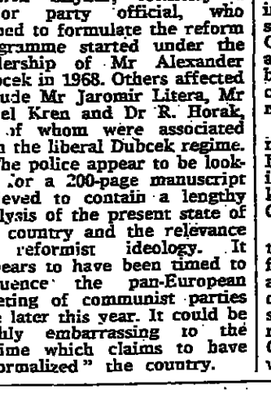
From Our Correspondent
Delhi, May 8

The Government today gave up the attempt to introduce the Maintenance of Internal Security (Amendment) Bill in Parliament after a second day of uproar over it.

Mr Brahmananda Reddy, the Home Minister, responded to an appeal from the Speaker for the postponement of the bills introduction in view of the strong doubts raised about its scope.

The Bill had sought to insert a new section in the Maintenance of Internal Security Act providing for detention up to two years, without reference to an advisory board, of any person to prevent him from committing a "prejudicial act" in areas which are declared as "disturbed areas" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.

The Home Minister's explanation that it was confined to the insurgent-ridden north-eastern areas of the country was not accepted by opposition members questions put by the deputy hers. Yesterday, in reply to speaker, Mr Reddy said he was willing to redraft the provision to make its intention clear beyond doubt.



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Cricket

Clive Lloyd plays his own game and makes Edrich despair

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL: Surrey, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 94 runs behind Lancashire.

As Barry Richards tends to do, Clive Lloyd played one game yesterday and everyone else another. On a drying pitch Lloyd scored 109 not out, out of Lancashire's 262 for seven declared. The next highest score was Younis's 42 not out, made out of Surrey's reply of 168 for three.

Richards, had he disciplined himself, is probably the one other batsman in the world capable of playing the innings that Lloyd played. Others, though not many, might have made as many, but not at the rate at which Lloyd scored. He got his runs out of 141 in 146 minutes. After a night's rain, the ball was turning, sometimes lifting. In all the circumstances this was a wonderful piece of batting by Lloyd.

He hit 10 fours and four sixes, the biggest of these being a pull off Jackman which finished in the road in front of Archbishop Tenison's Grammar School, from a pitch placed, if anything, towards the opposite side of the ground. After bowling steadily to start with, Pocock, like the others, was destroyed, his last five overs costing 28 runs.

Pocock was blaming the crumbling creases by then, or the shoulder which has been troubling him: but the might of Lloyd's batting was what did it. Edrich, too, must have been expecting Pocock to make short work of Lancashire. Pilling could do nothing with him, and he had Kennedy caught left-handed at short leg by Roope: but Lloyd's footwork and fearlessness, combined with his great reach and strength, especially his reach, carried the day.

Jackman had Hayes caught at the wicket off a skier, hooking: Roope had Wood caught at cover, driving. But neither of them bowled particularly well, and Intikhab when he came on was cruelly punished by Lloyd: by fate, too, when Lloyd, who had made 70, chopped him hard into the base of his stumps without removing a bail. Kennedy, Engineer, Hughes and Simmons all stayed for an hour or so, while Lloyd went plundering on, driving Edrich to despair and providing Lancashire with the three batting points which they settled for before deciding the time had come to do some bowling.

The new regulation whereby short leg is not allowed quite as close up as he has been may have enabled Roope to catch Kennedy as he did: standing a yard closer, as he might have been last year, he would hardly have had time to react to it. It may also have saved Jackman from a worse headache when, off the last ball of an over from Pocock, he ducked into an on-drive by Simmons. Being, as he is, a resilient character, Jackman picked himself up and bowled the next ball. In the make-up of the ideal cricketer Jackman's enthusiasm might find a place, like Lloyd's refusal to be cowed (yesterday, that is) by the turning ball.

With no one to dominate their innings, as Lloyd had dominated Lancashire's, Surrey made slow progress when they went in. It would have been slower still had Lancashire not run between overs to raise their over rate (they were among the counties to be fined last season for bowling their overs too slowly), or if Simmons had not bowled more overs than anyone else, or if David Lloyd had not kept an aggressive field. Although the pitch had lost its devil, the odd ball still bounced and turned enough to undermine a batsman's confidence, an indictment, I am afraid, of Hughes as a left arm spinner. Of the 70 overs which Lancashire have so far bowled, Hughes has been allowed only eight.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

B. Wood, c Owen-Thomas, b Roope	70
*D. Lloyd, c Roope, b Jackman	35
F. C. Hayes, c Long, b Jackman	7
C. H. Lloyd, not out	109
H. Pilling, st Long, b Pocock	0
A. Kennedy, c Roope, b Pocock	2
†F. M. Engineer, st Long, b Intikhab	7
D. P. Hughes, c Intikhab, b Jackman	7
J. Simmons, not out	3
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, n-b 5)	11
Total (7 wkts dec, 86 overs)	262

P. Lever and P. Lee did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—60, 2—121, 3—130, 4—136, 5—168, 6—202, 7—270.

BOWLING: Jackman, 26—4—72—3; Butcher, 7—0—38—0; Roope, 16—5—31—1; Pocock, 26—8—67—2; Intikhab, 11—1—37—1.

SURREY: First Innings

*J. H. Edrich, st Engineer, b Simmons	27
L. E. Skinner, c Engineer, b Lee	32
G. P. Howarth, c Engineer, b Wood	21
Younis Ahmed, not out	42
G. R. J. Roope, not out	28
Extras (b 7, l-b 6, n-b 5)	18
Total (3 wkts, 70 overs)	168

D. R. Owen-Thomas, Intikhab Alam, R. D. Jackman, A. R. Butcher, †A. Long, P. I. Pocock to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—65, 2—79, 3—98.

Bonus points (to date): Surrey 4, Lancashire 3.

Umpires: D. Oslear and T. W. Spencer.

Cartwright bowls without luck at Northampton

By Alan Gibson

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire with one first innings wicket in hand, lead Somerset by 47 runs.

All day yesterday the pitch gave the bowlers some help, with sunshine and a drying wind following the rain. Somerset, 130 for four in 45 overs when play began, were all out for 206 in 74. They were destroyed by Bedi, who yesterday bowled 34 balls and took five wickets for 14 runs. Twelve of those runs were scored, in boundaries, by Denning, whose whole innings had much merit, though I am not one of those who jump to the conclusion that he is ready for a place in the England team.

The only other substantial contribution came from Burgess, who played capably in his usual rugged way. When he first came into the Somerset side, Burgess showed touches of artistry. These he seems to have lost, but he has developed into an uncommonly good handyman.

Somerset cannot have been too disheartened by their collapse. They have no Bedi, but it seemed just the kind of pitch on which Cartwright could run through a side. In fact, Northamptonshire scored 93 before a wicket fell, and though they then went through a tricky patch, complicated by an injury to Steele which caused him briefly to retire, they were well on top again by tea-time, and Somerset had begun to wear a frustrated, even flustered look. The fall of three wickets when the score was 174 did something to restore the balance, but with 10 of their points-scoring overs left Northamptonshire were in the lead, and throwing their hats chasing another point. This they obtained, taking seven on the first innings, Somerset six.

Cartwright bowled well enough. He had no luck. The pads were just outside the line, the dropping ball just beyond the fieldsman's reach, the batsmen not playing well enough to get an edge. Nor did he have much support from the other end, apart from handyman Burgess. Breakwell, zealous cricketer though he may be, has not the accuracy nor the flight of a true slow left-hander. Breakwell joined Somerset from Northamptonshire in 1973, at about the same time as Virgin joined Northamptonshire from Somerset. *I have always felt it was dotty of* Somerset to let Virgin go, or at least not to try harder to persuade him to stay. He batted admirably yesterday, taking most of Cartwright when the pitch was at its most awkward.

Steele, despite the knock on the nose, via bat, which interrupted his innings, also batted very well. But it was Virgin who laid his memory on the day. It was fascinating to watch him coping with that familiar but still dreaded Old Tom.

SOMERSET: First Innings

*D. J. S. Taylor, l-b-w, b Cottam	9
B. C. Rose, c Steele, b Dye	29
P. W. Denning, c Virgin, b Bedi	77
I. V. A. Richards, l-b-w, b Dye	0
*D. B. Close, l-b-w, b Sarfraz	35
G. I. Burgess, not out	48
I. T. Botham, c Steele, b Dye	3
D. Breakwell, b Bedi	3
T. W. Cartwright, c Sharp, b Bedi	0
H. J. Clapp, c Cook, b Bedi	0
R. A. Jones, c Sarfraz, b Bedi	0
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 1)	3
Total (74 overs)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—40, 3—90, 4—136, 5—184, 6—189, 7—196, 8—202, 9—206, 10—206.

BOWLING: Cottam, 12—5—15—1; Dye, 17—2—45—3; Sarfraz, 19—[illegible]—1; Bedi, 26—4—33—5; Willey, 7—0—14—0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*R. T. Virgin, b Burgess	45
P. Willey, c Richards, b Cartwright	32
D. S. Steele, not out	81
Mushtaq Mohammad, lbw, b Cartwright	1
G. Cook, c Botham, b Breakwell	31
W. Larkins, c Breakwell, b Cartwright	0
Sarfraz Nawaz, b Cartwright	0
†G. Sharp, run out	23
R. M. H. Cottam, lbw, b Jones	9
B. S. Bedi, c Botham, b Clapp	5
J. C. J. Dye, not out	3
Extras (b 8, l-b 8, n-b 6)	22
Total (9 wkts, 100 overs)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—93, 2—96, 3—100, 4—171, 5—171, 6—171.

Bonus points (to date): Northamptonshire 7, Somerset 6.

Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and D. J. Constant.

Today's cricket

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Leicestershire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
DARTFORD: Kent v Yorkshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Somerset (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
OTHER MATCHES
OXFORD: Oxford University v Derbyshire.
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Warwickshire.

SECOND XI COMPETITION
TEDDINGTON: Middlesex II v Kent II.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire II v Sussex II.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II v Warwickshire II.

UNDER-25 COMPETITION
OLD TRAFFORD: Manchester: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.

BARRY: Glamorgan II, 171 and 76 (K. Shuttleworth 6 for 30); Lancashire II, 202 and 46 for 5. Lancashire II won by five wickets.

Boyce sweeps a four off Balderstone at Chelmsford yesterday on the way to his hundred in 58 minutes. Illingworth, the Leicestershire captain, is the fieldsman.

Boyce hits eight sixes in whirlwind 113 and follows with five quick wickets

Few cricketers can ever have had a better day than that enjoyed by the Essex all rounder Boyce against Leicestershire at Chelmsford yesterday. Boyce followed a century in 58 minutes, the fastest in the championship for 38 years, by an explosive spell of fast-medium bowling, which brought him five wickets in his first nine overs at a cost of seven runs.

Leicestershire, demoralized by the West Indian's double onslaught, lost their first seven wickets for 20—he caught the other two off East—and finished the day 60 for nine in reply to the Essex score of 300.

Incredibly Boyce made his 113 runs on a drying pitch favouring *spin bowling and over a slow* outfield. His whirlwind hitting brought him eight sixes and seven fours. Two of the biggest sixes came in the over from McKenzie which brought him the fourth century of his career.

Three times Boyce was dropped—at nought, 23 and 62—but it should be said that on each occasion the ball was travelling extremely fast. Boyce consistently wound himself up and let fly with all his strength at spin and pace alike.

Fletcher made only nine of a fourth wicket partnership of 122 in 61 minutes, the total length of Boyce's memorable onslaught. Fletcher was too hard pressed to make much attempt to give Boyce the strike. Boyce said later: "I did not realize my innings was that fast. This must be my best all round performance and I never remember hitting eight sixes in an innings before."

Not since Joe Hardstaff reached three figures in 51 minutes for Nottinghamshire against Kent at Canterbury in 1937 has there been a faster championship hundred, though Roger Prideaux and Graeme Pollock have both clocked 52 minutes in festival games since the war.

For Leicestershire it was a terrible day. They dropped seven catches, had Dudleston and Birkenshaw injured, and were saved from complete rout by a sterling 33 from Illingworth.

Worcester

The Worcestershire captain, Gifford, answered an injury crisis among his seam bowlers by taking the new ball against Nottinghamshire. He switched from his usual left-arm spin to bowling seamers and reeled off a spell of 10—4—17—1 in building a useful position for the county champions. Nottinghamshire, trailing by 63 after the first innings, made 66 for two by the close and would have been worse off had Gifford not dropped a chance offered by Smedley off Brain.

Gifford used the new ball because of injuries to Holder (hamstring) and D'Oliveira (back). D'Oliveira had managed to overcome his handicap while batting and scored 73 in a crucial partnership of 214 with Parker (133), which took Worcestershire from 22 for three to 236 for four.

Parker, who reached his century before luncheon, hit 16 fours and a six and there was an equally attractive tailend innings by Johnson, who scored a career best 69 in helping Worcestershire to a total of 379 for nine.

Cardiff

Gloucestershire, with all their second innings wickets intact, need 288 runs to win against Glamorgan. Only a splendid innings of 83 by Sadiq, who hit 12 fours, enabled Gloucestershire to reach 170 in their first innings.

Nash caused most of the trouble by taking seven for 59. Glamorgan struggled in reply to collect 164 runs. Dixon bowled well on a wearing wicket to take five for 44 which was a career best. Gloucestershire replied with 12 runs without loss in 20 minutes' batting before the close.

Earlier in the day Gregory Armstrong, Glamorgan's new fast bowler from Barbados, was warned by the umpires for short pitched bowling and also for running through on to the pitch. He did not appear all that vicious and he continued to bowl and conceded 28 runs in eight overs.

Cambridge

Hemmings, the Warwickshire off spin bowler, took seven for 33 as Cambridge University's first innings crumbled, leaving them 195 runs behind. It was the best bowling analysis of Hemming's career.

The ball turned considerably, especially after tea. None could stand firm after Snowden (28) and Roebuck (12) had put on 30 for the first wicket. The last six wickets fell for only 40 runs in 80 minutes.

Once again it was a case of a Cambridge slump as Hemmings gathered his crop, with Lewington at the other end giving good spin support with two for 13 from 20 overs.

Amiss had showed the way in the morning when he moved from his overnight 75 to 123 before being caught. He hit 11 *boundaries and never gave a* chance.

Oxford

Derbyshire ended the day in a strong position against Oxford University and at the close were 130 for one, leading by 213 with nine wickets standing.

Oxford began the day at 46 for one and Hamilton, Marks and Tavare all batted well in helping them to reach a respectable 179. Hamilton, making his debut, added 47 with Pathmanathan for the fourth wicket and later Marks hit a punishing 39 and Tavare 30.

Derbyshire led by 83 and their opening batsmen, Hill and Sharpe, made Oxford pay dearly for dropped catches with a stand of 95. Sharpe was twice put down by Eddington in the slips in one over from Cantlay and Hill was missed when he had scored 14.

The combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities make one change to the side which beat Worcestershire at Cambridge last week for their match against Leicestershire at Leicester in the Benson and Hedges competition on Saturday. Marks, of Oxford, who scored 39 against Derbyshire yesterday replaces Snowden, of Cambridge. The team is: I. R. Glover (Oxford), P. Roebuck (Cambridge), G. Awurth (Cambridge, captain), I. Khan (Oxford), V. Marks (Oxford), C. Tavare (Oxford), S. Coverdale (Cambridge, wicketkeeper), A. Wingfield Digby (Oxford), D. Russel (Cambridge), D. Fursdon (Oxford), P. Hayes (Cambridge). Twelfth man M. Allbrook (Cambridge).

Kent reply with prudent aggression

By Gerald Sinstadt

DARTFORD: Kent with two first innings wickets in hand, are 24 runs behind Yorkshire.

A day for spinners at Hesketh Park yesterday made up much of the time lost to Wednesday's rain. At the end of six-and-a-half-hours' engrossing play, the balance was marginally in favour of Yorkshire. But the situation that remains is not unlike a one-day match and Kent, if they can remove Boycott quickly are equipped to provide a thrilling finish to a game which began so unpromisingly.

The Dartford wicket is not one that encourages dogmatic pronouncements. Arthur Phebey once put Glamorgan in here and saw them pass 200 without loss before lunch—and yet Kent won. Yesterday's pitch, while never vicious, provided variable bounce and turn. After Underwood (7 for 44) and Johnson had taken full advantage, Yorkshire turned after only six overs of pace to Carrick and Cope and were similarly rewarded.

By the end of the day, Yorkshire's opening hand by Boycott and Lumb which had seemed at the time over cautious, could be seen in a different light. Lumb, dropping readily into his familiar role as Horatio to his captain's Hamlet, went 45 minutes without scoring. Boycott drove early boundaries off loose balls from Johnson and Graham but then waited vainly for more.

With a legacy of 51 runs from the previous day, Yorkshire reached 98 before the dwindling ratio of runs to overs impelled the need to change gear. Then all 10 wickets fell for the addition of 83 more runs, 12 of them no balls by Underwood. Old, promoted to number three, Johnson and Leadbeater were all out to strokes they would not commend to schoolboys. But the wicket, and particularly Underwood's use of it, were enough to induce uncertainty in the best.

In a spell broken only by a change of ends, and a timely loudspeaker reminder that this is his benefit year, he had figures of 20.1—5—33—7. That much accomplished, Kent then had to attempt a solution themselves. Time discouraged emulation of Yorkshire's early patience. Depth of batting suggested a policy of prudent aggression. When the fifth wicket fell at 65 it looked as though that approach had failed.

Cope was hit for six by Johnson, Asif and Ealham in turn. Carrick suffered similarly at the hands of Denness and Shepherd. But it was not until this last two came together that Kent found a durable partnership, eventually forcing the return of Nicholson for Carrick. That led to Denness's downfall after an innings that found the right equilibrium for 90 minutes. Subsequently, Shepherd continued to hit judiciously and maintain hopes for a bright finish today.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*G. Boycott, c Johnson, b Underwood	[illegible]
R. G. Lumb, c Graham, b Underwood	31
C. M. Old, b Underwood	[illegible]
J. H. Hampshire, c Luckhurst, b Johnson	[illegible]
C. Johnson, c Denness, b Underwood	13
B. Leadbeater, b Underwood	17
†D. L. Bairstow, c Cowdrey, b Johnson	11
P. Carrick, c Cowdrey, b Underwood	[illegible]
A. G. Nicholson, c Asif, b Johnson	15
G. A. Cope, not out	5
A. L. Robinson, b Underwood	0
Extras (b 5, l-b 4, n-b 12)	19
Total (88.1 overs)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—98, 2—108, 3—117, 4—121, 5—135, 6—157, 7—161, 8—163, 9—181.

BOWLING: Julien, 15—2—[illegible]—0; Graham, 13—7—20—0; Shepherd, 11—[illegible]—15—0; Underwood, 20.1—5—33—7; Johnson, 1[illegible]—[illegible]—45—3.

KENT: First Innings

B. W. Luckhurst, c Old, b Carrick	15
G. W. Johnson, l-b-w, b Cope	25
M. C. Cowdrey, c Leadbeater, b Cope	0
*M. H. Denness, b Nicholson	39
Asif Iqbal, c and b Carrick	14
†A. P. E. Knott, c Old, b Cope	5
A. G. E. Ealham, c Bairstow, b Cope	16
J. N. Shepherd, not out	30
B. D. Julien, b Carrick	12
D. L. Underwood, not out	0
Extras (l-b 12)	12
Total (8 wkts, [illegible] overs)	157

J. N. Graham to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—36, 2—38, 3—39, 4—54, 5—65, 6—[illegible], 7—135, 8—157.

Bonus points (to date): Kent 5, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: A. E. Fagg and P. Rochford.

Essex v Leicester

AT CHELMSFORD

ESSEX: First Innings

B. R. Hardie, c Steele, b Illingworth	31
K. S. McEwan, c Balderstone, b Illingworth	34
*K. W. R. Fletcher, b Steele	31
G. A. Gooch, st Tolchard, b Balderstone	4
K. D. Boyce, l-b-w, b Higgs	113
S. Turner, c sub, b Balderstone	20
K. R. Pont, b Steele	10
R. E. East, c Higgs, b Steele	20
†N. Smith, not out	1
R. N. S. Hobbs, run out	0
J. K. Lever, b Steele	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, n-b 1)	7
Total (99.5 overs)	300

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—34, 2—91, 3—107, 4—229, 5—258, 6—257, 7—250, 8—287, 9—292, 10—300.

BOWLING: McKenzie, 12—2—[illegible]—0; Higgs, 16—5—53—1; McVicker, 8—2—17—0; Steele, 11.5—3—33—4; Illingworth, 27—[illegible]—2; Balderstone, 25—1—70—2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

M. E. J. C. Norman, c and b Boyce	[illegible]
J. F. Steele, c Boyce, b East	0
J. C. Balderstone, c Pont, b Boyce	1
B. F. Davison, b Boyce	1
†R. W. Tolchard, lbw, b Boyce	9
N. M. McVicker, c Boyce, b East	[illegible]
*R. Illingworth, b East	33
G. D. McKenzie, c East, b Boyce	4
B. Dudleston, l-b-w, b East	4
K. Higgs, not out	1
J. Birkenshaw, not out	5
Extras	[illegible]
Total (9 wkts, 36 overs)	60

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—0, 3—2, 4—8, 5—17, 6—15, 7—20, 8—51, 9—[illegible].

Bonus points (to date): Essex 8, Leicestershire 1.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and W. L. Budd.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire II, 207 for 6 dec (P. Gill 66, D. Humphries 80) and 200 for 5 dec (S. Humphries 50, Gill 30 not out); Yorkshire II 225 for 7 dec (G. Stevenson 116, Gill 4 for 58) and 84 for 5. Match drawn.

Glamorgan v Glos

AT CARDIFF

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 164 (E. A. Jones 67, A. L. Jones 22, M. J. Khan 24).

Second Innings

A. Jones, l-b-w, b Dixon	25
A. L. Jones, c Brassington, b Knight	17
G. P. Ellis, c Knight, b Dixon	12
Majid Khan, c Crawford, b Knight	0
L. W. Hill, b Sadiq	3
R. C. Davis, l-b-w, b Nash	21
A. A. Francis, b Dixon	0
E. W. Jones, c Graveney, b Dixon	13
M. A. Nash, c Knight	10
G. D. Armstrong, c Zaheer, b Knight	23
D. J. Williams, not out	0
Extras (l-b 4, w 1)	5
Total	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—32, 2—41, 3—51, 4—57, 5—62, 6—105, 7—111, 8—125, 9—159, 10—164.

BOWLING: Davis, 17—5—[illegible]; Dixon, 18—[illegible]—44—5; Knight, 14—2—[illegible]; Sadiq, 10—1—[illegible]; Graveney, 2—0—5—0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Sadiq Mohammad, lbw, b Nash	83
A. W. Stovold, b Armstrong	3
Zaheer Abbas, c E. Jones, b Nash	26
R. D. V. Knight, c Hill, b Nash	0
D. R. Shepherd, c Majid, b Nash	11
J. C. Foat, lbw, b Nash	4
D. A. Graveney, c A. Jones, b Williams	11
A. J. Brassington, lbw, b Nash	3
J. Crawford, run out	0
J. Davey, not out	0
J. H. Dixon, c A. L. Jones, b Nash	5
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 4)	6
Total (61.4 overs)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—[illegible], 2—[illegible], 3—71, 4—[illegible], 5—111, 6—147, 7—157, 8—170, 9—170, 10—170.

BOWLING: Armstrong, 14—[illegible]; Nash, 27—[illegible]—7; Williams, 12—4—30—1; Ellis, 7—2—18—0.

Second Innings

Sadiq Mohammad, not out	10
A. W. Stovold, not out	1
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	12

Bonus points: Glamorgan 8, Gloucestershire 4.

Umpires: K. E. Palmer and A. G. T. Whitehead.

Worcester v Notts

AT WORCESTER

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 316 for 7 (D. W. Randall 70, P. D. Johnson 77, B. A. Wood 71 not out).

Second Innings

M. J. Harris, not out	38
B. Hassan, l-b-w, b Gifford	[illegible]
M. J. Smedley, c Turner, b Johnson	[illegible]
P. A. Wilkinson, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1)	[illegible]

[illegible] R. Rice, D. W. Randall, P. D. Johnson, [illegible] did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—[illegible].

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G. M. Turner, c Smedley, b [illegible]	[illegible]
J. A. Ormrod, [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
J. M. Parker, c Hassan, b Rice	133
B. L. D'Oliveira, b Latchman	73
[illegible]	[illegible]
I. N. Johnson, st Harris, b White	69
[illegible]	[illegible]
N. Gifford, c Harris, b Rice	[illegible]
[illegible] Brain, b Wilkinson	[illegible]
Extras ([illegible])	[illegible]
Total (9 wkts dec)	379

V. A. Holder did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—21, 3—22, 4—236, 5—[illegible], 6—271, 7—[illegible], 8—377, 9—379.

BOWLING: [illegible]

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Nottinghamshire 1.

Umpires: C. Cook and D. G. L. Evans.

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire II, 200 and 45 for 2; Sussex II 200.

TEDDINGTON: Middlesex II 251 for 9 dec (A. Stewart 79, J. P. Ross 54, J. Rowe 5 for 61); Kent II 157 (R. J. [illegible] 6—40).

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II 181 (P. B. Nicholls 70; J. H. Inchmore 4—31); Worcestershire II 119 for 5.

[illegible] 108 for 5; King Edward VI, Camp Hill 52; Cambridge University Crusaders 192; Tonbridge 142 for 7; Home Park 106 (M. Kary 5—44). Eton 83 (R. O. Outhet 6—30); Gentlemen of Leicestershire 126 for 4 dec (Sir G. Palmer 70 not out); Radley College 130 for 6; Rossall School 78 for 6 dec; Radley 57. King's Canterbury 176—6 dec (M. G. Shaw 75); Dover 120—8; MCC Young Professionals 148—8 (S. Barrett 81. *Harrow 5—44); Hadley 26—5 dec; S. Popplewell 60; Lincoln College 101—6 (T. Goddard 61); UGT 144. *Wellington College 85—7; *Sedbergh 177—5 dec; Leaders Gentlemen 84. *Denotes home side.

Oxford U v Derby

AT OXFORD

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 262 for 7 dec (A. Hill 53, M. H. Page 62).

Second Innings

A. Hill, not out	58
J. [illegible], c Tavare, b Hollom	50
M. H. Page, not out	11
Extras (b 6, n-b 2, w 1)	11
Total (1 wkt)	130

[illegible] Miller, F. W. Swarbrook, R. W. Taylor, S. Venkataraghavan, P. E. Russell, A. Ward, [illegible] did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—95.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

I. R. Glover, lbw, b Swarbrook	19
[illegible], c [illegible], b Taylor	45
[illegible]	5
I. Khan, c Venkataraghavan	5
[illegible] Tavare, c Hill, b Swarbrook	30
R. Pathmanathan, lbw, b Ward	11
[illegible], b Sharpe	3
[illegible]	3
V. J. Marks, c Taylor, b Hendrick	39
[illegible], c Page, b Hendrick	0
[illegible], c Hendrick, b Venkat	0
[illegible] Cantlay, not out	1
Extras (l-b 9, [illegible], n-b 6)	15
Total	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—46, 2—70, 3—[illegible], 4—125, 5—126, 6—150, 7—155, 8—156, 9—161, 10—179.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 22—10—34—4; Ward, 14—5—[illegible]; Russell, 9—1—[illegible]; Venkataraghavan, 16—[illegible]; Swarbrook, 14—2—8—[illegible]; Miller, [illegible].

Umpires: R. Julian and P. B. Wight.

Cambridge v Warwick

AT CAMBRIDGE

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

J. A. Jameson, c Hayes, b Russell	[illegible]
D. L. Amiss, c Allbrook, b Awurth	123
R. N. Abberley, c Awurth, b Bannister	[illegible]
J. Whitehouse, c Hayes, b Russell	53
†G. W. Humpage, c Coverdale, b Awurth	22
R. B. Kanhai, c and b Russell	16
E. E. Hemmings, not out	20
W. A. Bourne, run out	17
P. J. Lewington, not out	2
Extras (b 2, l-b 1, n-b 3)	6
Total (7 wkts dec)	297

*D. J. Brown, S. P. Perryman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—101, 3—[illegible], 4—248, 5—261, 6—277, 7—[illegible].

BOWLING: Russell, [illegible]; Jackson, 11—[illegible]—1; Bannister, 17—[illegible]—57—1; Hayes, [illegible]; Allbrook, 16—3—[illegible]; Awurth, [illegible]—2.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

A. Snowden, st Humpage, b Hemmings	28
P. Roebuck, b Perryman	12
R. I. Smyth, c Perryman, b Hemmings	6
*G. J. Awurth, c Bourne, b Hemmings	6
I. J. Morris, c Bourne, b Hemmings	1
†S. P. Coverdale, b Lewington	13
L. Bannister, b Hemmings	0
D. P. Russell, c Jameson, b Hemmings	13
[illegible] Jackson, not out	3
P. J. Hayes, l-b-w, b Lewington	0
M. Allbrook, c Abberley, b Hemmings	5
Extras (b 5, l-b 4)	9
Total	102

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—[illegible], 3—71, 4—[illegible], 5—77, 6—78, 7—[illegible], 8—102.

BOWLING: Brown, [illegible]—1—13—0; Bourne, [illegible]; Hemmings, 2[illegible]—10—33—7; Perryman, 7—[illegible]; Lewington, 20—11—13—2.

Second Innings

A. Snowden, not out	[illegible]
G. J. Awurth, not out	[illegible]
Total (no wkt)	[illegible]

Umpires: J. G. Langridge and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Golf

Gallacher wins remarkable match with a protest at the 19th hole

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The smooth rhythm of the Piccadilly Medal knockout tournament was rudely interrupted yesterday at Finham Park, outside Coventry, by the nature of Bernard Gallacher's third round victory over Robert Jamieson.

Anthony Gray, one of the PGA's tournament administrators, was called on once again after a pretty busy day to give a ruling concerning Gallacher's complaint that his opponent had improved the line of his putt at the 19th by resting the putter on the grass, when the only action permitted with the putter under rule 35 is a sweeping one to remove loose impediments.

The complaint brought to an unfortunate end a remarkable match in which Gallacher had at the turn been five shots behind. Jamieson had gone away like a shot from a gun with single putts at four of the first five holes, three of them making birdies. It was not until the 10th, where Gallacher scored an eagle and his opponent took three more for a six, that the Ryder Cup player came back into the argument. He also had a birdie at the next and finally caught Jamieson by saving a shot at the long 16th.

But at the 17th he dropped behind again and Jamieson needed two putts from the back of the 18th to make sure of victory. His *first slid five feet past, and he* missed coming back. At the 19th, after three shots, Gallacher lay 12 feet and his opponent eight from the hole. It was at this point that Gallacher made his complaint and when it was referred to Mr Gray, Jamieson did not deny that it had happened. Later he said that it was certainly not done intentionally: "If I had known that what I was doing was against the rules, I would not have done it."

If Jamieson had not been so honest and had denied the complaint Mr Gray would have had little alternative but to have given him the benefit of the doubt, since there was no impartial third party near enough to witness it. It is one of the reasons that tournament administrators prefer play in threes or fours, so that other witnesses may be called.

It seems to be Gallacher's fate to get involved in disputes about the rules. For one reason or another it has happened twice, and not in his favour, in Ryder Cup matches, and Gallacher said he had once had to enforce this same rule on another occasion. "I am very sorry I had to win this way, but I had no alternative. I did not make the rules, but I know them and I play by them."

His victory brings a clash of two big names today when he meets Townsend in the fourth round with 16 left in the field. Townsend overcame Dai Rees only at the 19th hole in the second round after both had gone round in level par, an encounter which echoed the last time they met when Townsend was a boy playing against a senior professional, Rees, in the match before the Carris Trophy.

Against Garner in the third round, Townsend was two behind early on but in a stretch of three holes from the fifth he gained five strokes and overtook him. This was largely because Garner took four putts on the sixth green. Townsend piled it on by hitting the stick at the seventh, and holing from four feet for a two. His lead of four was reduced to three at the eighth, where he was troubled by a bush, and at the ninth, where his drive finished 40 yards ahead of Garner. After being bunkered he saved his par with a seven feet putt and never allowed his opponent, for all his care and determination, to get within range of him.

One of the surprising results of the day was the removal of Henning, one of the strongest of the South African contingent and leader of their order of merit, who was brushed aside by Caygill. The Yorkshireman has given up his post at Pleasington and is trying his luck once again on the tour. Through Peter Alliss, who has always admired him, he has made a contract with a new club at La Baule in Britanny which Alliss helped to design. Henning is due to go home at the end of this week, and may have felt the pull of his native country, for 41 out is not exactly his form.

The draw looked much more open after the removal of Huggett and Bembridge. Caygill had quite a day for it was he who dismissed Huggett, although the Welshman has not quite the appetite for battle that he had a few years back. Caygill, who is 34, was five under par for the two rounds, as good a day's work as he has had for years. Bembridge was beaten by one of several overseas players left in the tournament: Bernardini, of Italy, has not been in the news for a year or two, but his figures of one under par were sound enough. Bembridge made the mistake of not asserting himself early on, for he missed the first two greens and drove out of bounds at the fourth, although he made three with the second ball.

At the turn, the Midlander, who attracted quite a following, was still two behind. He drew level with a birdie at the 14th, but dropped shots at the next two holes, and it was only by holing a little chip at the 17th for a two that he kept interest alive up the 18th. He looked about to score another birdie to take the match on, but his putt from eight feet kicked off line at the last moment.

His defeat seemed to open up the way for Mason, who had got through in the morning with a birdie at the 19th. His opponent, Fernandez, is a determined little player who gives nothing away, and I think that match took too much out of Mason. Morgan, who was one of the few Britons in evidence in the final stages of the last Open, took full advantage of this, starting with two birdies in the first three holes and never losing his grip. Shearer, breathing again after his narrow escape from Carr the evening before, celebrated with two rounds under par, and this afternoon will meet his fellow countryman, Newton, who has shown a good deal of determination and skill this week.

Results at Coventry yesterday

L. P. Tupling (Watford DR) 71, beat P. J. Butler (unattached) 74.
N. D. Wood (Turnberry) 71, beat A. O'Connor (Hazelgrove) 75.
G. A. Caygill (La Baule) 72, beat B. G. C. Huggett (Cambs. Hotel) 73.
A. Henning (S Africa) 69, beat S. Rolley (Phoenix) 79.
P. M. P. Townsend (Portmarnock) 73, beat D. J. Rees (South Herts) 73, at 19th.
J. R. Garner (Hartsbourne) 69, beat D. J. Llewellyn (Olton) 73.
R. M. Jamieson (Dunblane New) 71, beat S. J. Levermore (Hadley Wood) 72.
B. Gallacher (Wentworth) 70, beat P. Elson (Coventry) 73.
P. Berry (Cotswold Hills) 69, beat W. T. G. Milne (Crieff) 74.
T. S. Le Brocq (Hampstead) 76, beat C. O'Connor Jr (Carlow) 76.
J. M. Noon (Turnberry) 72, beat J. F. Halliwell (Betchworth Park) 76.
J. Newton (Silvermere) 67, beat D. Jones (Knock) 68.
D. W. McClelland (Hartsbourne) 71, beat T. A. Horton (Royal Jersey) 73.
D. Butler (Edgwarebury) 74, beat V. E. R. Baker (S Africa) 76.
R. A. Shearer (Australia) 67, beat M. Faulkner (Shillinglee Park) 75.
J. L. Fowler (Mid Herts) 73, beat T. P. Halpin (Bodenstown) 81.
M. Pinero (Spain) 74, beat H. Ashby (Abridge) 74, at 19th.
S. F. N. Hobday (Rhodesia) 71, beat B. J. Waites (Notts) 78.
J. Panton (Glenbervie) 76, beat L. J. Mosey (Denton) 79.
J. J. Kinsella (Castle) 76 beat D. J. Ridley (Oxton) 80.
R. D. Shade (Ellersley House) 77 beat J. H. Cook (Brickendon Grange) 78.
G. Smith (Burhill) 70 beat B. Evans (Runcorn) 78.
D. C. Wren (S Africa) 72 beat W. Humphreys (Royal Mid-Surrey) 74.
H. Baiocchi (Ely City) 75 beat L. Platts (Three Rivers) 77.
S. M. Owen (NZ) 69 beat E. Darcy (Erewash Valley) 70.
A. Oosthuizen (S Africa) 70 beat D. Small (Sandy Lane) 75.
J. D. Morgan (Stoneham) 76 beat G. L. Hunt (Southampton Municipal) 77.
S. C. Mason (Goring and Streatley) 70 beat V. Fernandez (Argentina) 70 at 19th.
B. Pascassio (France) 73 beat K. Suddards (S Africa) 76.
N. J. Job (Beckenham Place Park) 74 beat J. Sharkey (Queen's Park) 76.
U. J. Clark (NZ) 70 beat P. R. Herbert (Nuneaton) 72.
R. Bernardini (Italy) 72 beat M. Bembridge (Little Aston) 73.

Third round

Tupling 73 beat Wood 76.
Caygill 69 beat Henning 79.
Townsend 72 beat Garner 75.
Gallacher 73 beat Jamieson 73, at 19th.
Le Brocq 75 beat Berry 75, at 19th.
Newton 72 beat Noon 76.
McClelland 69 beat Butler 71.
Shearer 73 beat Fowler 76.
Hobday 69 beat Pinero 71.
Kinsella 73 beat Panton 78.
Shade 71 beat Smith 77.
Wren 71 beat Baiocchi 73.
Oosthuizen 71 beat Owen 77.
Morgan 71 beat Mason 76.
Pascassio 73 beat Job 75.
Clark 71 beat Bernardini 72.

Card of course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	483	5	10	494	5
2	407	4	11	367	4
3	326	4	12	353	4
4	367	4	13	503	5
5	172	3	14	196	3
6	537	5	15	391	4
7	153	3	16	519	5
8	366	4	17	174	3
9	330	4	18	375	4
Out	3,145	36	In	3,382	37

Tennis

Miss Heldman beaten by young Swedish champion

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Aix-en-Provence, May 8

Tennis briefly interrupted the rain here this morning on the fourth day of the women's world tennis championship for the Federation Cup. The sudden flurry of activity inevitably disconcerted some of the players, who for three days have been hanging about fighting frustration and boredom. Inevitably, too, there were surprising results. The American captain, Julie Heldman, who ranks among the game's 10 leading players, was beaten 6—4, 6—3 by the new Swedish champion, Helena Anliot, aged 18. The French No 1, Gail Chanfreau, was defeated 0—6, 6—2, 8—6 by Eva Szabo, five times champion of Hungary.

Miss Anliot dismissed Olga Morozova from the Australian championships. Other than that, she has been known chiefly for her association with a compatriot of the same age, Bjorn Borg, champion of France and Italy. She so disliked the attendant publicity ("It is so much against my ideals") that she considered giving up tennis. The fact that her name has been linked with that of one of the "pop idols" of modern sport has tended to obscure the fact that Miss Anliot herself is an advancing player who, like Borg, has an engagingly frank if self-effacing manner.

The pretty Swede has a charm that springs partly from her looks but mostly from a common-sense awareness that her horizons must be far wider than the boundaries of a tennis court. Her taste in literature is somewhere between middle and heavyweight—Par Lagerkvist and Hermann Hesse. "It is very important to have other interests than tennis. If you only think about tennis your mind gets very small. You have to keep yourself open to what is happening."

She comes from the village of Svardsjo. "When I am at home I have no tennis friends because in the village nobody plays tennis except for my family and a few other older people. Nobody speaks about tennis. I like that."

Miss Anliot has been playing full-time for about two years but intends to return to high school in the autumn. She will retire from competitive tennis "as soon as it gets boring. It should be fun."

Miss Anliot has well groomed ground strokes and disciplined her concentration, her nerves, and her ball control admirably today. Miss Heldman clearly became anxious after losing the first set. She had a psychologist, her team colleague, Julie Anthony, alongside the court. But the changeover chats did little to reduce the regularity of the errors that punctuated Miss Heldman's game. The conception of her imaginative tactical variations was more admirable than their execution.

From 2—3 down in the second set Miss Anliot won four successive games. But the match ended in an unsatisfactory way. Miss Heldman put a backhand in the net after returning a forehand from Miss Anliot that looked an inch or so too long. They discussed it for a while, then accepted the fact that the match was over—and the other Swedes dashed on court to embrace their young heroine.

Mrs Chanfreau's defeat was particularly interesting because of the common expectation that France would be Britain's opponents in the next round. She dominated the first set but then became too ambitious, as if seeking challenges Miss Szabo had been unable to offer. But the Hungarian often learns from lost first sets what she must do to win the others. She tried to make Mrs Chanfreau run and run into an energy crisis and said later that she thought a slight disparity in fitness had been decisive. Miss Szabo finally won three successive games to beat Mrs Chanfreau for the first time. thought they have usually had close matches. "I wanted very much to win this time, because it is a team tournament and very important", said Miss Szabo. Aged 29, she is tall and supple, plays a lot of tennis, and also has a secretarial job.

The beautiful Katja Ebbinghaus, of Germany, stole the show visually with the turquoise tracksuit she wore while beating Beatriz Araujo, and Evonne Goolagong and Helen Gourlay, of Australia, stole the show statistically by conceding a combined total of only three games in their singles against Belgium. Virginia Wade and Glynis Coles, of Britain, lost a total of only nine points in winning their singles against Carmen Perea and Victoria Baldovinos, of Spain. The last six minutes of Miss Wade's match were contested on a noisy indoor court 30 miles away at Marseilles, because rain again stopped play at Aix. The programme was by this time so congested that doubles matches were not played unless teams broke even in singles.

GREAT BRITAIN beat SPAIN 2—0. S. V. Wade beat C. Perea 6—1, 6—0; G. Coles beat V. Baldovinos 6—2, 6—1.

AUSTRALIA beat BELGIUM 2—0. E. Goolagong beat M. Gurdal 6—0, 6—2; H. Gourlay beat M. van Haver 6—1, 6—0.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA beat NETHERLANDS 2—0. M. Navratilova beat M. Schaar 6—2, 1—0 (retired); R. Tomanova beat E. Appel 6—2, 6—3.

SWEDEN lead UNITED STATES 1—0. H. Anliot beat J. Heldman 6—4, 6—3.

WEST GERMANY lead ARGENTINA 1—0. K. Ebbinghaus beat B. Araujo 6—2, 6—2.

JAPAN lead SOUTH AFRICA 1—0. K. Sawamatsu beat L. Kloss 6—1, 6—3.

HUNGARY lead FRANCE 1—0. E. Szabo beat G. Chanfreau 0—6, 6—2, 8—6.

Borg and Laver are through to semi-finals

Dallas May 8.—Rod Laver and Bjorn Borg won their opening matches in the World Championship tennis finals here last night and go into the semi-final round.

Laver, finishing his match shortly after midnight, defeated Harold Solomon 4—6, 6—0, 6—2, 3—6, 6—4 to gain a place in the semi-finals.

Earlier Borg had beaten Raul Ramirez 7—6, 7—6, 6—0 to win the opening match of the tournament. Borg, relying on steady play, won both tie-breakers with ease although he dropped his serve three times in the second set. In the third Ramirez collapsed, particularly in the face of Borg's two-fisted backhand.

Laver has never lost to Solomon and appeared to be heading for an easy victory when he swept through 11 straight games in the second and third sets. But Solomon recovered to push the match to a fifth set. "I have to be honest. In the fifth set I was becoming a little tired," the 36 year-old Australian said.

Miss Mottram survives a sticky patch

Linda Mottram, Britain's most consistent winner this season, survived a sticky patch to reach the *women's singles semi finals in the* tennis tournament sponsored by Pernod at Paddington yesterday.

Miss Mottram, 17, led 4—0 against Lindsay Blachford but then relaxed. After losing five games in succession, however, she steadied to win 7—6, 6—2.

Miss Blachford, who is ranked one place above Miss Mottram at No 10, gave the Surrey girl a fright by leading 5—4 and 6—5. The Essex champion had an attack of nerves as she served for the set and Miss Mottram easily got the twelfth game to force a tie break. She took it 8—6 and then recovered her poise in the second set.

Now Miss Mottram is lined up for the fourth successive meeting with the Australian Chris O'Neil.

Miss O'Neil came through a stormy quarter final 6—4, 6—4 against the American Robin Tenney in which the referee, Fred Hoyle, intervened three times.

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: C. M. Robinson beat D. [illegible] 6—4, 4—6, 6—2; D. Segal (South Africa) beat J. Rovanpa (India) 5—7, 6—1. Quarter finals: C. [illegible] (New Zealand) beat D. Segal (South Africa) 7—6, 5—6, 6—0; R. Drysdale beat C. M. Robinson 7—6, 6—1; P. McNamara (Australia) beat R. Maud (South Africa) 2—6, 6—3, 6—3; P. Dospisil (Canada) beat B. Collings (Australia) 6—7, 6—4, 6—4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter finals: Miss L. Mottram beat Miss L. Blachford 7—6, 6—2; Miss C. O'Neil (Australia) beat Miss R. Tenney (US) 6—4, 6—4; Miss J. Taylor beat Miss C. M. Cerato (Australia) 6—2, 6—3; Mrs C. Dorner (Australia) beat Miss P. S. A. Hogan (US) 6—0, 7—5.

British optimism for tie against Spain

Christopher Mottram opens Britain's attempt to reach the semi-final round of the Davis Cup by beating Spain in Barcelona today with a formidable singles meeting with Manuel Orantes. Roger Taylor meets Jose Higueras in the other singles.

Britain's squad, unchanged from that which beat Austria last week end also includes John Lloyd and John Feaver. But they have to wait to see if they will be required. Mottram and Taylor switch opponents for the final singles on Sunday, but the doubles line-up has yet to be settled.

When Britain beat Austria 4—0 in the last round, Lloyd replaced Mottram in the last rubber which was eventually abandoned because *of bad light. Mottram had a slight* tennis elbow and a groin rash but he has now recovered.

The match is the 10th Davis Cup meeting between the two countries with both sides having won an even number of matches. In the last contest here in 1968 Spain beat Britain 4—1. The sole victory for Britain was scored by Mark Cox who beat Juan Gisbert, the only man from either country who is still playing in this year's event.

Britain's non-playing captain Headley Baxter, is optimistic about his team's chances. "We are here to win otherwise we would not have come, but we face a good and tough team," he said.

PARIS: Davis Cup: France lead Belgium 1—0. Winners meet Yugoslavia.

SPORT

Racing

Hobbs to aim Rouser at the better mile and a half events

By Michael Seely

Rouser, ridden by Geoffrey Lewis at his most confident, ran away with the Ormonde Stakes at Chester yesterday. In the slow early gallop Lewis had difficulty in getting the hard-pulling Rouser to saddle, but the moment the pace quickened up passing the railway viaduct six furlongs from home the four-year-old was moving sweetly on the bridle and tucked in on the rails. Even when Mercer dashed Zab into the lead approaching the straight Lewis was in no hurry to make his move. Calmly switched to the outside on the final turn, Rouser cruised past Zab for a comfortable win.

Receiving 5 lb from the second and 12 lb from the John Porter Stakes winner, Salado, Rouser had looked something to bet on, but judged from the style of his success another 7 lb would have made little difference yesterday. Previously trained by the late Jack Clayton, Rouser is now looked after by Bruce Hobbs for Mrs James de Rothschild. Shorthanded at home because of the stable lads' strike, Hobbs had no time to visit Chester yesterday but told me on the telephone that he was delighted with the colt's success. Although he wants to discuss future running plans with Mrs de Rothschild before deciding on Rouser's next objective, Hobbs is envisaging aiming him at the better mile and a half races. Shebeen gave Hobbs a strong hand in such races as the Coronation Cup and the Hardwicke Stakes.

Parthia is the only Derby winner to have taken the Dee Stakes en route to Epsom in over 50 years. Although Ravel, an all-the-way winner of yesterday's race, is a Derby possible, no firm decision has yet been reached. Barry Hills trains the winner and the second, Amati. Both promise to become useful staying three-year-olds. Amati finished the strongest of all the runners and is a likely candidate for the King Edward VII Stakes at Ascot. The strongly fancied Barrettstown was a disappointment, having shot his bolt half a mile from home, while the favourite, Halicas, failed to stay the distance. Sergeant Bibot, who had beaten the winner at Bath, failed to act on the track and was struggling throughout the contest.

Lester Piggott rode his only winner of the meeting on the two-year-old Amore Mare, who ran out an easy winner of the Sceptre Stakes. Anthony Johnson trains the filly for his father, Michael, a noted amateur rider in his day. Michael Johnson rode the winner of a selling hurdle at Chepstow many years ago when Piggott's father, Keith, was on the runner-up.

The Ladbroke Sporting Club Handicap went to Gan On Geordie, trained by Denys Smith. The 8-11 favourite, Be Tuneful, lost her chance when Kimberley unwisely tried to sneak up inside Giselle three furlongs from home. The gap closed and Be Tuneful was badly checked, losing all her momentum. In a match for the Oulton Handicap, Eddery on Tolspring beat the former champion jockey, Carson, on Alezan Dore by three-quarters of a length. Eddery ended the meeting on a triumphant note for himself and favourite backers when Pierino win the Eaton Handicap. The champion jockey was easily the leading rider of the meeting, with five successes.

Edward Hide, third leading rider last season with his best total of winners, 137, has been vying with Piggott recently for the title of most travelled man in racing. Last Sunday the Malton jockey flew to Cologne, where he won the principal prize of the day on Lord Udo. Stints at Wolverhampton and Chester were followed by a return trip to Germany yesterday to take the mount on Uneamie. Tomorrow he rides Cadogan Lane and Chantro in the main races at Ripon and today makes a lightning dart to Ayr, where he has an outstanding chance of winning the Sauchrie Maiden Stakes on Rundontwalk and the Glenburn Fillies' Stakes on Clearly.

Edward Hide: two outstanding chances at Ayr today.

Rundontwalk looked uncatchable in his first race at Liverpool, when he was all of three lengths clear of his field before the distance. The two-year-old slowed almost to a walk in the last furlong and was caught 50 yards from the post by Pennina, a fluent scorer since at Redcar. Rundontwalk was reported to have broken a blood vessel that afternoon. Provided there is no repetition of that accident today, he should be too sharp for Gemima, a promising third to Long Drop at Beverley, and Tribal Delight.

An interesting newcomer here is the Ribero colt Duke of Cawston. An 8,000 guineas yearling, Duke of Cawston is a half brother to that flying filly, Cawston's Pride. His trainer, Tommy Fairhurst, has a good line to two-year-old form in the north, but I shall rely on the pace shown by Rundontwalk.

In the Cumnock Handicap Hide has the mount on New Henry. New Henry, impressive when beating Asset at an earlier meeting here, may not give the weight to Broughty Harbour, who surprised Sam Hall when winning at Redcar.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park: Good. Ayr: Good. Taunton: Hard. Bath (tomorrow): Firm. Ripon (tomorrow): Good. Worcester (tomorrow): Firm.

Bygone destined and bred for much more

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

I mentioned earlier this week that the Lingfield Oaks trial has been won twice in recent years by fillies who went on to Epsom to win the classic itself. They were Sleeping Partner and Ginevra. Of those in the field of seven for this afternoon's trial Bygone and Juliette Marny are offered at 20-1 in the Oaks and Tebaldi and Harmonise at 25-1 and 33-1 respectively.

It must be common knowledge that Peter Walwyn thinks that in One Over Parr, May Hill and Bygone his stable houses three bright hopes for the Oaks. By winning the Cheshire Oaks at Chester on Wednesday One Over Parr certainly underlined her long-term prospects. But it is by no means certain that One Over Parr is the best of the three. We will have a much clearer picture after Bygone has run this afternoon and May Hill has performed in the Musidora Stakes at York next week.

If Bygone does happen to be better than One Over Parr, as well she may be, she will be extremely hard to beat. By winning the Houghton Stakes a... marker last autumn Bygone achieved more as a two-year-old than her elder sister, Great Guns, did. Yet as a three-year-old Great Guns won six times over distances that ranged from a mile and a quarter to two miles. If Bygone makes the same improvement between the age of two and three that her elder sister did she will not be far behind the best of her sex.

For a filly by Busted, Bygone certainly ran well enough in the three-year-old handicap to make me think that she would do well when put to a distance more in keeping with her pedigree. A mile and a half should be very much to her liking. In the Free Handicap she finished in front of Harmonise, one of her opponents this afternoon, and I expect her to do so again. Charles St George and Peter Richards, the two men lucky enough to own Ginevra, are hoping that Tebaldi will follow in her footsteps. Like Ginevra, Tebaldi is trained by Ryan Price.

Tebaldi ran really well in the 1,000 Guineas, in which she finished seventh, but not before she had caught a bump from Rose Bowl, as Piggott searched in vain for an opening. Being by Aztec, who won the French Derby, and out of a half-sister to Connaught, Tebaldi should also come into her own now that she is tackling a longer distance.

Another who should do well over this distance is Juliette Marny, who is by our Derby winner Blakeney and out of a half-sister to Spree, who finished second in the 1,000 Guineas and the Oaks.

Frank Durr, aged 48, but seemingly ageless in the eyes of those who have known him for so long, and those who have grown to admire his technique, was as irrepressible as ever at Salisbury yesterday when he won three races on Western Isle, Rory's Rocket and Woodland Reward. Durr also finished second in the New Forest Handicap on Sound Jiff. Western Isle and Woodland Reward are trained by Richard Hannon, who was particularly pleased to see Western Isle win because he declared him to run at Salisbury on Wednesday in error and was fined £25 for his sin. Yesterday's win made up for that.

Woodland Reward, who won the City Bowl Handicap, was trained by Bill Marshall until only a few days ago. True to form, Marshall was his good natured self afterwards and the first to congratulate the horse's owners and new trainer.

Durr was lucky to win the Redenham Stakes on Rory's Rocket even though he might well have thought that success was no more than he deserved, having been thrown from the filly at the start where Rory's Rocket, along with one or two others, was most unruly. Acquire, who started favourite for this race even though she had never run, became upset by the antics of others in the stalls—having been the model of decorum herself—so much so that when the gates did finally open, she was caught unawares.

Heavy going the reason why Campo Moro won

From Pierre Guillor
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, May 8

Aided by the heavy going produced by two days' rain, Campo Moro, who has often proved too one-paced to win over middle distances in the past, resisted several challengers in the straight and stayed on strongly to win the La Coupe at Longchamp today by half a length and a short head from On My Way and Prince Balthazar. A true stayer Campo Moro was always close up as Star Lark set the pace from Ballyvie with On My Way and Riboquill well in touch. Prince Balthazar was at the rear until the final turn.

Star Lark weakened as they entered the straight and Campo Moro took over. He was challenged by Riboquill over a furlong from home, but soon fought him off. On My Way and the fast finishing Prince Balthazar looked dangerous inside the last furlong, but on this ground Campo Moro was too strong for them.

Had Sunday's fast going persisted, the result would certainly have been different. Campo Moro has shown his best form either in long distance handicaps or in such unfashionable events as the Prix du Pont de Flandre run over two and a half miles or the three miles Prix Gladiateur in both of which he finished second to Forceful last autumn. In the Gladiateur run on similar ground to today's, he was beaten only a short neck with the Ascot Gold Cup second, Provero, to whom he was giving 4lb, three quarters of a length behind in third place.

LA COUPE (Group III: £9,600: 1m 3f)
Campo Moro, ch g, by Bel Baraka—Camerata (Mrs L. Stern), 7-8-12 ... R. Jallu 1
On My Way, b h, by Laugh Aloud—Gracious Me (X. Beau), 5-9-2 ... W. Pyers 2
Prince Balthazar, ch c, by Florin—Princess de Cleves (Mrs G. Sandor), 4-9-2 ... A. Badel 3
ALSO RAN: Riboquill (4th), Dom Luc, Exceptionnel, Ballyvie, Royal Empire, Endless, Star Lark. 10 ran.
PARI MUTUEL: 5.00, 1.70, 1.30, 4.60. H. van de Poele. ½l, sh hd. 3min 1.5sec.

Football

Camouflaged mosaic awaits England team

From Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Limassol, May 8

Life is largely composed of people who are either winners or losers. Along the track between Larnaca and this place can be seen a deserted Turkish Cypriot village and a large tented camp for uprooted refugees. Here are the flotsam and jetsam of this world who somehow or other rescue a few sad sticks and stones and struggle on to make what they can of the human conditions.

In sharp contrast along the coast here, where I am now lazing in the sun, are to be found luxury hotels set on or near the beach, a mecca for some bronzed holidaymakers. There is swimming, water-skiing, skin-diving, tennis courts and all the rest of the razzamataz for the fortunate. Sinatra's voice, heart of the endless piped entertainment, competes with the birds. Misery and problems seem a million miles away as the azure sea curls lazily up the shore and sucks the sand back with it.

It is into this unequal, upside down world that the England football team will shortly arrive for their return European championship match with Cyprus here on Sunday, a tie postponed earlier in February because of the political upheaval in the island at the time. They are coming to an attractive blue spot and the people are most grateful and delighted at the prospect. A warm welcome awaits them for they are well known, seen each week-end for an hour long in these parts on television.

The one big concern on all sides, however, has been the condition of the pitch at the Tsireon Stadium here, a new edifice with a capacity of some 20,000, which will be officially opened on this occasion for its first representative match. Two days ago I watched the Cyprus national side beat A.E.L., a local league team, by 3—1 in a practice game on the stadium's surface.

Having had the opportunity to sniff round the place and test it under foot, I can say that the English players are not going to find the going easy. Even the Derby Baseball Ground at its worst would have been a small paradise by comparison. But as experienced professionals they will have to adapt and take the rough with the smooth. They are in the other person's backyard now. They must bend with the wind.

However, this much can be said—the surface is not dangerous. There are no stones nor broken pieces of glass in evidence as once we found on the parade ground of a pitch at Valetta when England played Malta there some four years ago. Laid only six months ago the growth here was upset by unexpected heavy rain in April which caused some areas to subside.

Now it is composed of various oases of patchy grass, short and long. Here and there plants and weeds protrude and where it has been levelled are stretches of red earth and yellow sand. It looks like a camouflaged mosaic. A mixture of soft and hard with dust flying in places, it could be difficult to decide on the length of stud to be used, just as it will be difficult to control a light ball as it bobbles and spins away.

Perhaps it will be most profitable to play to the head—Macdonald's head. One has to adjust, as Walter Lindrum might have done on a billiard table slightly torn, uneven and with cushions of varying rebound. Yet I have seen worse. For instance, there was the rutted pitch in Montreal when an FA XI—including a number of England's World Cup winning players—went there to play in the Expo 67's competition.

Used previosly as the site for a three ring circus, including performing elephants and the rest, even large tent pegs were found driven deep and left behind in the earth.

Wednesday's results

UEFA CUP: Final, first leg: Borussia Moenchen Gladbach 0, Twente Enschede 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Tranmere Rovers 2, Crystal Palace 0.

Rugby Union

England raise their pace

By Peter West
Rugby Union Correspondent
Perth, May 8

The England team trained more strenuously here this blissful morning of a West Australian autumn, and 13 of the party had a second outing again this evening after returning from a relaxing boat trip down the wide and handsome waters of the Swan river.

If that sounds as if their coach, John Burgess, is cracking a severe whip, let me explain that an extra half-hour under floodlights was well spent. For the first time, with reinforcement from local players, Neary and his forwards were able to practise tight scrummaging. On a short tour, with the limitation on numbers, there is no way that 13 forwards can make up two packs on their own account. There are no scrummaging machines in this part of the world.

Since it was still less than 48 hours after arrival when the team had their morning training, it was no surprise that the quality of the ball work was not as sharp or as accurate as it might have been. The players are still acclimatizing to the conditions as well as to handling the French-type ball that will be used throughout the tour. It was warm enough at 10 o'clock for the players to strip to their waists, and hot enough in the noonday sun for the manager, Alec Lewis, to be worried about sore backs and to insist on jerseys being put on again.

The swelling on Keith Smith's knee has disappeared and he trained today without any discomfort. He has been advised by Dr David Haultain, a referee who came out here from Scotland shortly after taking one of the lines in that Calcutta Cup match of 1965 at Twickenham. scarred indelibly into Scottish memories, when Hancock robbed them of their deserts with that spectacular last-minute try. Dr Haultain was the touch judge on Hancock's wing.

Smith's minor injury has been the only anxiety of its kind, so now the entire party is fully fit and in excellent heart. The delight of this Australian rugby outpost in having the England team here has been warmly reflected in the hospitable, efficient arrangements made for their comfort and pleasure. Nothing has been too much trouble. On the English side there is disappointment only that their stay here is limited to less than a week.

In Sydney, Australia defeated The Rest in a trial match for the forthcoming series against England, but through a try only five minutes from time. Monaghan, a winger switched from full back, crossed in the corner to give Australia victory by 18 points to 15.

In a scrappy game, the selectors gained little knowledge of form to help them choose the teams to play England in two Tests this month and to tour the British Isles later this year. Monaghan scored two of Australia's three tries and Brown, the full back, was another who impressed.

Motor racing

Ferrari again in driving seat at Monaco

From John Blunsden
Monte Carlo, May 8

At the halfway stage of practice for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix, all the signs point to a Ferrari domination of the fifth round of this year's world championship. The relative case with which Lauda and Regazzoni have set the pace in today's two training sessions emphasises once again that the latest Ferrari 312T is a formidable car. On a circuit offering so few passing opportunities, the Italian team will start with a big advantage if no one manages to unseat them from the front row of the grid in the two remaining practice periods.

Lauda lapped the 2.037 mile circuit in 1 min 27.16 sec today before putting his right foot between the brake pedal and the accelerator and damaging the left front corner of his car against a guard rail. It was slightly creased, and if it cannot be repaired satisfactorily overnight, Lauda will drive his spare car, in which he was second fastest overall today.

Regazzoni was also in trouble today, spinning in the path of Watson during the first session, as a result of which both drivers had to use their spare cars for the remainder of the day. Later Watson had more trouble with a guard rail and so far is among the eight drivers who have failed to qualify for the Grand Prix.

The others yet to claim a place on the grid are Evans (Stanley BRM), Wunderink (Ensign), Wilson Fittipaldi (Copersucar), Lombardi (whose March hit a barrier and may be too badly damaged to be repaired overnight), Laffite (Williams), Hill (who has reverted to his old Lola after his latest car ran into engine trouble) and Palm (Hesketh).

Another fine performance by Peterson on a circuit which brought him victory last year has placed his venerable John Player Lotus-Ford 72 on the second row.

FASTEST PRACTICE TIMES: 1, N. Lauda (Ferrari), 1min 27.16sec; 2, C. Regazzoni (Ferrari), 1:27.70; 3, R. Peterson (John Player Lotus-Ford), 1:27.95; 4, C. Pace (Martini Brabham-Ford), 1:27.95; 5, J. Scheckter (Elf Tyrrell-Ford), 1:27.96; 6, J.-P. Jarier (UOP Shadow-Ford), 1:28.33; 7, M. Donohue (Penske-Ford), 1:28.38; 8, P. Depailler (Elf Tyrrell-Ford), 1:28.60; 9, J. Mass (Texaco Marlboro McLaren-Ford), 1:28.61; 10, V. Brambilla (March-Ford), 1:28.80; 11, T. Pryce (UOP Shadow-Ford), 1:28.91; 12, M. Andretti (Parnelli-Ford), 1:29.48; 13, J. Ickx (John Player Lotus-Ford), 1:29.87; 14, J. Hunt (Hesketh-Ford), 1:29.93; 15, C. Reutemann (Martini Brabham-Ford), 1:29.95; 16, E. Fittipaldi (Texaco Marlboro McLaren-Ford), 1:29.??; 17, A. Jones (Hesketh-Ford), 1:30.25; 18, A. Merzario (Williams-Ford), 1:30.29; 19, J. Watson (Matchbox Surtees-Ford), 1:31.03; 20, R. Evans (Stanley BRM), 1:31.4?; 21, R. Wunderink (Ensign-Ford), 1:31.60; 22, W. Fittipaldi (Copersucar-Ford), 1:33.18; 23, L. Lombardi (March-Ford), 1:33.55; 24, J. Laffite (Williams-Ford), 1:33.79; 25, G. Hill (Embassy Hill-Ford), 1:34.07; 26, T. Palm (Hesketh-Ford), 1:34.92.

Boxing

Finnegan's loss of form as well as his title

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

The loss of Kevin Finnegan's European middleweight title to Gratien Tonna, of France, in Monte Carlo leaves Britain with three reigning European boxing champions. They are in heavyweight, Joe Bugner; welterweight, John Stracey; and lightweight, Ken Buchanan.

That is a reasonable number for most continental countries to be proud of. However, the defeat of Finnegan, which I thought conclusive, and the recent failure of bantamweight David Needham to take the vacant championship at 8st 6lb are reverses which British professional boxing could have done without at the close of the latest main season of the sport.

For the future, I look to our light-middleweight champion, Maurice Hope, and the new British featherweight (who next boxes Bunny Sterling for the vacant British middleweight title at the National Sporting Club on June 10) and the new British featherweight champion, Vernon Sollas. With them Britain could regain two more European titles, although light-heavyweight John Conteh is, for the moment, out of the ring without, apparently, a chance of capitalising upon his world title at 12st 7lb though I have heard rumours he may go to the United States for a contest.

Watching a contest on the television, even in colour, is not the same as being at the ringside, but I gave Finnegan only five rounds. I made one even and awarded nine to the aggressive Tonna, even though he was allowed to escape with what seemed to be punches on the back of the neck.

It should not be ignored, however, that Finnegan boxed at least 30 per cent below the form he showed last year in taking the European middleweight title from Jean-Claude Bouttier. His left leads were short and lacking in power and it was only in the eighth round that I thought he could dominate his opponent with skilful boxing.

Bugner stands out among the heavyweights of Europe, but is understandably more concerned about moving to the head of the queue for a lucrative challenge to Muhammad Ali for the world title. Stracey, too, is thinking of the highest honours, though his manager, Terry Lawless, tells me that the chance of a match with the world champion, Jose Napoles, may not come up until September. Mr Lawless adds: "I would only go to Napoles's home ground in Mexico as a last resort because I would much prefer the match to take place in Britain or in Europe."

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 KILMARNOCK PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f)
102 1 Treasury Bond (D) (P. Bromley), H. Price, 9-1 A. Murray 9
103 0 Accomplice (Exors of late G. van der Ploeg), R. Hannon, 8-11 P. Perkins 1
104 Baron Bunch (J. Knox), C. Bewicke, 8-11 T. Reid 5 6
105 02 Deadly Sin (Mrs C. Silver), R. Smyth, 8-11 T. Cain 5 7
107 Past History (Mrs J. Maples), R. Smyth, 8-11 G. Ramshaw 3
109 3 Precious McKenzie (Mrs D. Mead), G. Balding, 8-11 J. Curant 2
110 Queen's Messenger (Sir R. Cohen), G. Smyth, 8-11 G. Lewis 4
112 Snaffles (B. Firestone), R. Houghton, 8-11 L. Piggott 8
113 Supreme Sterling (Miss S. Rampton), R. Smyth, 8-11 I. Jenkinson 5
15-8 Treasury Bond, 3-1 Precious McKenzie, 4-1 Snaffles, 5-1 Queen's Messenger, 8-1 Deadly Sin, 10-1 Supreme Sterling, 12-1 others.

2.30 GINEVRA HANDICAP (£827: 2m)
201 022412- Inventory (CD) (C. Spencer), G. Smyth, 7-9-13 G. Lewis 6
202 0110-00 Ocean King (D) (V. Lawson), M. Haynes, 5-9-7 A. Bond 5 2
203 40200-2 Petit Pretendre (D) (H. Strangward), R. Jarvis, 4-9-6 M. Thomas 5
204 14111-0 Romeiko (CD) (R. Francis), G. Harwood, 4-9-5 G. Starkey 4
205 04100-0 Ballydamus (Mrs J. Napolitano), N. Vigors, 4-8-7 P. Cook 1
206 001002- Hamish (G. Pritchard-Gordon), G. P-Gordon, 6-8-3 R. Fox 5 3
207 044102- Passing Shot (A. Penfold), S. Woodman, 4-8-3 J. Matthias 5 7
15-8 Petit Pretendre, 3-2 Inventory, 4-1 Passing Shot, 5-1 Romeiko, 8-1 Hamish, 10-1 others.

3.0 CARDOW PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £690: 1¼m)
302 030-013 Invergayle (J. Albritton), J. Hindley, 9-5 A. Kimberley 7
303 0 Adagio (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-11 J. Mercer 3
306 00- Beach Guard (C. Furlong), Mrs Dughton, 8-11 T. Maher 12
311 00-0 Crime Buster (J. Rogerson), B. Hobbs, 8-11 G. Lewis 9
313 00- Gianlorenzo (C. St George), H. Price, 8-11 A. Murray 11
317 Litigant (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 8-11 R. Hutchinson 1
321 0 Priory Lad (Mrs J. Backhouse), J. O'Donoghue, 8-11 G. Ramshaw 2
324 00-0 Windmill Boy (Sir D. Vestey), W. Wightman, 8-11 ... — 5
325 00-0 Blakes Lass (R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 8-8 W. Carson 4
330 00-0 Prima Bella (S. Weal), P. Walwyn, 8-8 P. Eddery 8
332 0000- Princess Vivace (Lady Clague), P. Nelson, 8-8 P. Cook 10
335 0 Sea Rose (Mrs G. Kent), R. Candy, 8-8 P. Waldron 6
11-10 Invergayle, 7-2 Adagio, 5-1 Gianlorenzo, Prima Bella, 6-1 Sea Rose, 12-1 others.

3.35 JOHNNIE WALKER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,232: 6f)
401 4012-10 Hillandale (CD) (Mrs L. d'Ambrumenil), D. Keith, 9-8 G. Starkey 11
403 0010-00 Desert Way (R. Pritchard), B. Swift, 9-1 P. Cook 6
405 213112- Honey Pot (D) (Mrs D. McCalmont), P. Walwyn, 9-0 P. Eddery 8
407 3120-00 Divine King (D) (G. Hendry), R. Hannon, 8-13 L. Piggott 7
408 02201-0 Florestan (Duke of Devonshire), B. van Cutsem, 8-11 W. Carson 10
410 113- Our Charlie (C. Wilchell), J. Holt, 8-8 Ron Hutchinson 4
411 2141-10 Rocaserena (CD) (F. Laker), R. Smyth, 8-7 T. Cain 5 3
412 2100-02 Velvelia (D) (W. Greenhalgh), P. Nelson, 8-1 G. Baxter 1
417 1200-2 Royfern (A. Kennedy), E. Broadley, 8-0 R. Fox 5 5
418 32120-0 Musical Comedy (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 7-10 D. Gillespie 5 12
419 213000- Pallbearer (Cmdr C. Campbell-Johnston), T. Waugh, 7-6 R. Still 5 2
421 000010- Phantom Town (D) (C. Elliot), C. Brittain, 7-1 D. Cullen 1
100-30 Honey Pot, 4-1 Florestan, 5-1 Velvelia, 6-1 Hillandale, 8-1 Rocaserena, 10-1 Our Charlie, Royfern, Desert Way, 12-1 others.

4.10 OAKS TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £3,649: 1½m)
501 01-0 Bygone (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 9-0 P. Eddery 3
502 113-0 Harmonise (C) (Ld Rotherwick), W. Hern, 9-0 J. Mercer 6
503 32331-0 Tebaldi (C. St George), H. Price, 9-0 A. Murray 2
504 02-0 Juliette Marny (J. Morrison), J. Tree, 8-9 L. Piggott 4
505 Outrageously (G. Pope jun), N. Murless, 8-9 G. Lewis 1
506 Petipat (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-9 B. Taylor 5
507 3-2 Truly Brave (Mrs J. Smith), B. van Cutsem, 8-9 W. Carson 7
15-8 Juliette Marny, 7-2 Truly Brave, 5-1 Outrageously, 6-1 Tebaldi, 8-1 Harmonise, Bygone, 10-1 Petipat.

4.40 SLEEPING PARTNER PLATE (3-y-o: £414: 7f)
601 0-0 Fun Time (Mrs H. Frelinghuysen), F. Maxwell, 9-4 B. Taylor 9
602 0030-30 The Assassinator (Mrs K. Foulds), R. Akehurst, 9-1 R. Millman 7 8
604 002-0 Smadari (Mrs J. Nathan), C. Benstead, 9-1 J. Errington 7 10
605 00000- Bridal Rose (R. Selman), C. Dingwall, 8-12 L. Piggott 2
606 00 Catspoint (J. Russell), R. Hannon, 8-12 P. Perkins 3
607 0020-0 Jetador (J. Morton), W. Wightman, 8-12 M. Thomas 6
608 00020- Monetary Star (Mrs J. Brooks), P. Cundell, 8-12 J. Mercer 1
610 0060-0 Lady Samantha (G. Blum), Blum, 8-9 T. McKeown 3
611 00-0 Skys the Limit (Mrs M. Bennett), E. Reavey, 8-9 G. Baxter 11
612 04400-0 London Girl (J. O'Leary), M. Haynes, 8-6 P. O'Leary 4
613 000- Time Alone (R. Weston), R. Sturdy, 8-6 W. Carson 7
7-2 Jetador, 4-1 The Assassinator, 5-1 Monetary Star, 6-1 Time Alone, 8-1 Fun Time, 10-1 Skys the Limited, Smadari, Catspoint, 12-1 London Girl.

5.10 CARDOW PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o: £690: 1¼m)
3 43300-1 Kildoon (A. Perry), D. Whelan, 9-5 — 4
5 0-2 Alweston (S. Digby), R. Armstrong, 8-11 L. Piggott 6
11 00-0 Chas Sawyer (C. Sawyer), G. P-Gordon, 8-11 B. Taylor 13
14 0- Harry Hedges (P. Williams), R. Jarvis, 8-11 M. L. Thomas 1
15 0423-1 Jolly Good (D) (Mrs J. Bricken), B. Hobbs, 9-5 G. Lewis 8
17 0000- Morning Sir (Mrs J. Hobby), F. Winter, 8-11 G. Williams 5
21 4 Relkonalia (F. Barclay), J. E. Sutcliffe, 8-11 W. Carson 2
27 0030- Princess Cindy (L. Broons), P. Ashworth, 8-8 Ron Hutchinson 3
31 0-0 Pedal Stop (Mrs B. Firestone), R. Houghton, 8-8 F. Morby 11
32 00-0 Stolen Heart (D. Davidson), P. Walwyn, 8-8 P. Eddery 10
33 00-0 Tight Rope (Maj C. Nathan), G. Smyth, 8-8 G. Starkey 7
35 0- Vicia (R. Ross), E. Goddard, 8-8 — 9
2-1 Alweston, 3-1 Jolly Good, 4-1 Relkonalia, 5-1 Stolen Heart, 6-1 Kildoon, 10-1 Princess Cindy, 12-1 others.

Ayr programme

2.15 NEWARK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £558: 5f)
1 0000-04 Cessy (L. Jayes), D. Doyle, 9-0 — 4
2 04220-0 Some Fella (D. Chapman), D. Chapman, 8-12 B. Connorton 5
4 000-00 Red Coldada (Mrs C. O'Shea), A. Balding, 8-10 J. Balding 2
6 0000- Bovick (D. Macpherson), N. Angus, 8-9 G. McBride 7 8
7 33004- Ivy Dee (E. Hartley), J. Cousins, 8-9 G. Skeats 7 1
8 000-0 Quandon (P. Poston), P. Poston, 8-8 J. McLaughlin 7 6
10 0000-00 Sky Pie (E. Collingwood), E. Collingwood, 8-5 O. Gray 10
11 0000-300 Just A Touch (D) (K. Haran), D. Williams, 8-5 K. Leason 9
13 002020- Weepers Folly (J. Vickers), J. Vickers, 8-4 G. Oldroyd 3
14 2000-00 Grinton (E. Gibson), P. Metcalfe, 8-4 J. Higgins 11
17 04000-0 Delk Lass (V. Salkeld), R. Hlackshaw, 7-5 S. Webster 5 7
7-4 Cessy, 3-1 Just a Touch, 9-2 Delk Lass, 6-1 Weepers Folly, 8-1 Some Fella, 12-1 Grinton, Ivy Dee, 20-1 others.

2.45 SAUCHRIE STAKES (2-y-o: £607: 5f)
1 4 Allez Allostock (Mrs M. Ainsworth), J. W. Watts, 9-0 J. Lowe 1
3 Belle Vue (R. Mason), R. Mason, 9-0 E. Eldin 8
5 Duke of Cawston (C. Newton), T. Fairhurst, 9-0 E. Johnson 9
6 3 Gemima (R. Spencer), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 M. Birch 5
10 343 King Willi (A. Picken), N. Angus, 9-0 B. Raymond 6
11 2 Rundontwalk (S. Romano), G. Richards, 9-0 E. Hide 4
16 Crocodile Tears (F. Clark), P. Metcalfe, 8-11 J. Higgins 7
19 0 Hurry on Hostess (G. Freyne), E. Collingwood, 8-11 O. Gray 3 2
20 Krugerrand (R. D. Peacock), R. D. Peacock, 8-11 F. Durr 10
22 23 Tribal Delight (Mrs G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 8-11 B. Connorton 3
7-4 Rundontwalk, 11-4 Tribal Delight, 4-1 Duke of Cawston, 7-1 Gemima, 10-1 Allez Allostock, 12-1 King Willi, Belle Vue, 20-1 others.

3.15 CUMNOCK HANDICAP (£701: 1m 7f)
2 13000-0 Kingfisher Blue (CD) (L. Carrington), D. Plant, 11-9-1 L. Charnock 7 11
5 03000-1 New Henry (C) (T. Corrie), J. W. Watts, 4-8-11 E. Hide 7
6 103134- Braemar (D. Flynn), S. Hall, 5-8-9 P. Cain 7 8
8 31004-0 Mr McMandy (E. Holland-Martin), J. Ormston, 5-8-8 F. Durr 3
10 0 Homefield (CD) (P. Poston), P. Poston, 7-8-6 J. McLaughlin 7 10
11 0031-01 Broughty Harbour (C) (H. Lawson), S. Hall, 4-8-6 E. Apter 4
13 00000-0 Scoria (J. Lang), C. Crossley, 9-8-4 J. Higgins 2
14 0320-30 Silver Bing (C) (R. Cable), D. Weeden, 8-8-4 B. Raymond 3
15 0000-24 Galah Bird (T. Park), E. Collingwood, 4-8-3 O. Gray 5 5
18 0 Orion (D. Chapman), D. Chapman, 5-8-0 T. O'Ryan 5 6
19 00 Pal David (G. Anderson), L. Docker, 8-7-7 C. Eccleston 1
6-4 Broughty Harbour, 4-1 Mr McMandy, 9-2 New Henry, 8-1 Galah Bird, 10-1 Silver Bing, 12-1 Braemar, Kingfisher Blue, 25-1 others.

3.45 MONTROSE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £665: 1m 3f)
2 2020-10 Zabaglione (F. Sasse), D. Sasse, 9-4 R. Edmondson 7
3 0103-22 Kung Fu (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-13 B. Raymond 8
5 00130-0 Tudor Maestro (T. Bennett), J. Ormston, 8-11 T. Ives 1
7 400-001 Halsall (Mrs W. Barrett), T. Craig, 8-2 K. Leason 3
8 0010-00 Say Us (R. Earl), Denys Smith, 8-1 P. Kelleher 4
9 2320-01 Congenial (W. Steels), M. H. Easterby, 8-0 M. Birch 2
10 2100-20 John McNab (C) (Miss J. Hilton), N. Angus, 7-10 Richard Hutchinson 5
11 000- Take Hold (Mrs A. Vincent), E. Cousins, 7-6 L. Charnock 7 6
13-8 Kung Fu, 5-2 Congenial, 5-1 Zabaglione, 7-1 Halsall, 10-1 Tudor Maestro, 12-1 John McNab, 16-1 others.

4.15 CRAIGIE STAKES (3-y-o: £614: 1m 2f)
3 043-030 Black Pete (J. Richard), J. Ormston, 9-0 G. Eccleston 1
4 0000-32 Bright Comet (R. Tikoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 E. Johnson 4
7 2 Mountain Cross (Mrs A. Leggat), C. Bell, 9-0 B. Connorton 10
8 00 Psalve (D. Sasse), D. Sasse, 9-0 R. Edmondson 7
10 403-22 Skibble (Ld Howard de Walden), H. Cecil, 9-0 F. Durr 5
12 02340-0 Aunt Joan (D. Wickett), L. Lithrington, 8-11 L. Brown 12
13 343-000 Corner Queen (J. Conn), D. Chapman, 8-11 M. Birch 11
15 00 Dusky Pearl (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-11 B. Raymond 9
16 0000-2 Lady of Darien (B. Gubby), D. Weedon, 8-11 T. Ives 13
17 Meltwin Wraig (A. Noll), N. Angus, 8-11 Richard Hutchinson 2
18 03244- Pearl Wedding (Lady Allendale), W. Elsey, 8-11 E. Hide 15
19 Quick Half (F. Markland), D. McCain, 8-11 C. Moss 14
20 00-40 Sally Lime (Mrs A. Fife), J. Ormston, 8-11 E. Eldin 8
21 Thirlestane (Maj L. Maitland), J. W. Watts, 8-11 J. Lowe 16
23 400- Tingalary (D. Needham), Denys Smith, 8-11 P. Kelleher 3
24 4 Try Rocking (F. Kent), A. Balon, 8-11 J. Skilling 4
5-2 Skibble, 100-30 Bright Comet, 9-2 Mountain Cross, 6-1 Pearl Wedding, 8-1 Sally Lime, 10-1 Lady of Darien, 12-1 Dusky Pearl, 20-1 others.

4.45 GLENBURN STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £590: 7f)
2 0000-04 Anna Natasha (Mrs A. Hodge), D. Weeden, 8-11 D. Gibson 7 8
3 000-0 Apple Mist (H. Price), D. McCain, 8-11 C. Moss 1
5 00- Blue Vale (W. Criggle), L. Docker, 8-11 C. Eccleston 2
6 404302 Carmoni Queen (Mrs R. Taylor), G. Richards, 8-11 — 12
7 Clearly (D. Davidson), J. W. Watts, 8-11 E. Hide 4
8 02000-0 Come North (Lady Weir), R. Mason, 8-11 E. Eldin 6
9 000-0 Confident Girl (H. Brown), E. Collingwood, 8-11 B. Connorton 13
11 220- Cornage (B. Crabtree), J. Etherington, 8-11 L. Brown 15
12 0002- Forgets Image (G. Paterson), H. Cecil, 8-11 F. Durr 11
13 04000-0 Goldmine (R. D. Peacock), R. D. Peacock, 8-11 A. Horrocks 5
17 00- Neville Cross (C. Attwood), Denys Smith, 8-11 P. Kelleher 9
18 00- Piccadilly Rose (Mrs M. Smith), L. Shedden, 8-11 E. Johnson 3
20 0004-04 Privy Court (Sir G. Glover), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 T. Ives 14
21 0-30 Purple Princess (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-11 B. Raymond 10
22 322400- Ruby Mason (G. Mason), A. Baron, 8-11 J. Skilling 7
15-8 Forgets Image, 7-2 Clearly, 5-1 Purple Princess, 8-1 Privy Court, Cornage, 10-1 Carmoni Queen, 12-1 Piccadilly Rose, 20-1 others.

Ayr selections

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2.15 Just a Touch. 2.45 Rundontwalk. 3.15 Broughty Harbour. 3.45 CONGENIAL is specially recommended. 4.15 Skibble. 4.45 Clearly.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.45 Kung Fu. 4.15 Skibble. 4.45 Forgets Image.

Taunton NH

5.30 MOTORWAY HURDLE (Div I: £272: 2m)
p- Charao, 9-11-7 ... M. Barrett 7
420 Arty Crafty, 9-11-7 J. Francome
420 Blameless Stall, 10-11-7 Mr A. Williams 7
400 Dailyaide, 10-11-7 J. Glover
-000 Drakes Formula, 8-11-7 R. Atkins
00p Eico, 8-11-7 .. Mr Edwards 7
Iirsval, 6-11-7 .. Mr Amer 5
p-pp Golden Shaft, 6-11-7 Mr Mitchell 7
20-p Hemon, 8-11-7 .. T. Haller 7
Joshua II, 10-11-7 .. S. Holland
000 King Cloud, 8-11-7 R. Hughes
000 Major Dash, 6-11-7 R. Pitman
000 May Gate, 10-11-7 P. Cullis
puf Norton Park, 9-11-7 John Williams
p0p Poachers Way, 9-11-7 J. Long 7
Poker Face, 8-11-7 I. Gerble 7
000 Polash, 9-11-7 ... —
000- Straight Beauty, 8-11-7 Mr Jackson 5
000 Vienna Mine, 7-11-7 B. Jones 7
000 Bay Bingham, 5-11-3 G. Knight 7
134 Golden Fighter, 5-11-3 F. McKenna
000 Aberlassie, 4-10-7 J. McNaught
11-4 Arty Crafty, 4-1 Dailyaide, 11-2 King Cloud, 6-1 Blameless Stall, 8-1 Golden Fighter, May Gate, 10-1 Hemon, 12-1 Polash, 16-1 others.

6.0 MOTORWAY HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2m)
00r Agnew, 9-11-7 M. Stanley 5
00p Banyan, 15-11-7 Mr Roberts 7
303 Code of the Road, 14-11-7 P. Leach 7
040 Deroak, 7-11-7 T. Muggeridge 7
p00 Emperor's Jade, 9-11-7 K. White
310 Garamond, 10-11-7 K. Roberts 7
403 Gold Hawk, 6-11-7 S. Little 7
230 Hit Parade, 8-11-7 .. L. Lungo
340 Kellater, 6-11-7 .. C. Jones 7
aup Lassington Runner, 7-11-7 D. Evans 5
000 Lord Pole, 10-11-7 P. Butler 7
000 Major Mystery, 8-11-7 Mr Waldron 7
f0p Mocklershown, 7-11-7 P. Barton 5
324 Palm Monday, 7-11-7 B. R. Davies
ul0 Prince of Guys, 8-11-7 J. Guest 7
p00 Silver Serenade, 8-11-7 D. Wall 7
Straight Loch, 15-11-7 P. Buckle 7
-000 Uncle Sol, 7-11-7 M. Wagner
f00 Voyager, 8-11-7 .. S. May
20-4 Dinas Powis, 5-11-3 J. King
004 Sir Waldo, 5-11-3 P. Kelleway
0up Beau Beau, 4-10-7 P. Blacker
3-1 Hit Parade, 4-1 Dinas Powis, 5-1 Palm Monday, 6-1 Gold Hawk, 8-1 Code of the Road, 10-1 Emperor's Jade, Sir Waldo, 12-1 Deroak, 16-1 others.

6.30 TITHE BARN GALLERIES STEEPLECHASE (£886: 2m 3f)
0-p3 Devon Spirit, 10-12-7 Mr D. Scott
p41 Dunany Point, 12-12-7 Mr Weeden 7
p03 Flickity Prince, 9-12-0 Mr Bosley 7
100- Flying Chief, 6-12-0 Mr Halson 7
p-p Professor Higgins, 9-12-0 Mr Callow 7
30-f Samudra II, 8-12-0 Mr Swaffield 7
f00 Talhaoe, 13-12-0 Mr Alner 5
30-4 Zivargo, 11-12-0 Dr Chesney 5
4-4 Devon Spirit, 2-1 Dunany Point, 4-1 Flickity Prince, 8-1 Talhaoe, 12-1 Zivargo, 16-1 others.

7.0 PETER BLACKBURN STEEPLECHASE (Novice Handicap: £596: 2m 3f)
131 Purbeck Pylon, 8-12-3 A. Kershaw 7
534 Definitely, 7-11-9 K. White
140 March Rite, 6-11-5 P. Barton 5
4uf Le Sive, 9-11-2 C. Wright
344 Kerry Spirit, 11-10-13 J. Francome
f30 Tradaree, 6-10-13 P. Keane 5
502 Bit of Manny, 6-10-13 M. Gifford
440 Guidereun, 10-10-6 J. McNaught
3-01 Billymague, 10-10-5 Mr Busley 7
00p Sololown, 11-10-4 B. Jones 5
433 Ludicrus Sextus, 8-10-2 C. Dartnall 5
p0f Cango, 6-10-0 .. V. Soane
3ff Never Weaken, 10-10-0 P. Blacker
p00 Stiphado, 6-10-0 M. Salaman
p00 Lord Atika, 9-10-0 L. Lungo
1p0 Iseamrada, 7-10-0 P. Connors 3
7-4 Definitely, 7-2 Purbeck Pylon, 6-1 Le Sive, March Rite, 8-1 Kerry Spirit, Bit of Manny, 10-1 Tradaree, 14-1 others.

7.30 WEDMORE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 3m 1f)
0p3 Maniwaki, 8-12-4 .. R. Pitman
p30 Maniphe, 11-12-2 .. M. Gifford
f00 Plas Iolyn, 11-12-1 P. Blacker
4p1 Redder's Boy, 11-11-10 Mr Hobbs 7
4p0 Brokopondo, 8-11-3 J. Guest 7
231 Barmer, 7-11-2 J. McNaught
p03 Prophecy, 12-10-12 .. S. May
p10 Senior Wrangler, 8-10-11 P. Warner
000 Rolyat, 9-10-11 .... J. Fox
140 Slier, 11-10-9 .. M. Salaman
0p0 Super Do, 8-10-5 G. Thorner
1-00 Dody Boy, 13-10-3 M. Wagner
p00 Hubiot, 11-10-1 .. C. Read
030 Joe's Dream, 7-10-0 J. Burke
000 Zabo, 9-10-0 .. J. T. Bourke
-0f0 Laurel Branch, 8-10-0 D. Evans 3
4-1 Redder's Boy, 5-1 Plas Iolyn, Maniphe, 6-1 Barmer, 8-1 Maniwaki, Brokopondo, 10-1 Senior Wrangler, Prophecy, 12-1 Rolyat, 14-1 others.

8.0 MELODY MAN HURDLE (£579: 2m)
200 Calzado, 7-11-11 J. Francome
120 Corrieghoil, 9-11-11 K. White
124 Holemoor Boy, 6-11-11 P. Keane 5
000 Hot Swell, 8-11-11 P. Kelleway
020 Ronson Avenue, 6-11-11 J. King
0p- Brass Farthing, 7-11-6 Mr Reeves 5
The Admiral, 6-11-1 S. Little 7
Glitter God, 4-10-7 .. C. Read
5-2 Corrieghoil, 7-2 Calzado, 5-1 The Admiral, 6-1 Ronson Avenue, 8-1 Holemoor Boy, 10-1 Hot Swell, 12-1 Glitter God, 20-1 Brass Farthing.

8.30 ARTHUR COUNCILL HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m 3f)
411 Prince Eleigh, 6-12-7 P. Keane 5
1pf Beaujolais-Boy, 8-12-0 B. Jones 5
f0-0 Forticum, 9-11-0 Mr Keen 7
010 Prince George, 8-11-0 E. Wright
330- Lively Boy, 8-10-13 K. White
-0p0 Spray of Gold, 6-10-10 J. Spouse 7
200 Giddy Girl, 6-10-10 P. Blacker
000 Resant, 5-10-10 .. H. Evans 5
003 Cortanica, 5-10-9 P. Kelleway
400 Tam Rating, 8-10-0 V. Soane
000 Dairy Wood, 6-10-0 M. Floyd 7
3rr Darquell, 10-10-0 K. Maguire
0-00 Kingsley Girl, 8-10-0 P. Connors
00n Aperduet, 5-10-0 S. Knight 5
000 Heather's Son, 8-10-0 A. Mawson
4-4 Prince Eleigh, 7-2 Beaujolais-Boy, 6-1 Giddy Girl, Prince George, 8-1 Resant, 10-1 Lively Boy, 12-1 Dairy Wood, 14-1 Tam Rating, 16-1 others.

5.30 Arty Crafty. 6.0 Deroak. 6.30 Devon Spirit. 7.0 Purbeck Pylon. 7.30 Prophecy. 8.0 Calzado. 8.30 Beaujolais Boy.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Treasury Bond. 2.30 Passing Shot. 3.0 Adagio. 3.35 Hillandale. 4.10 Bygone. 4.40 Jetador. 5.10 JOLLY GOOD is specially recommended.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Petit Pretendre. 3.35 Florestan. 4.10 Truly Brave.

Chester results

2.15 (2.17) SCEPTRE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £655: 5f)
Amore Mare, ch f, by Varano—Come Aboard (M. Johnson), 8-11 .. L. Piggott (7-2 it fav) 1
Fairy Caravan, ch f, by Sky Gipsy—Cherry Burton (Mrs M. West), 8-11 .... G. Cadwaladr (10-1) 2
Dolphin Safari, br f, by Huntercombe—Dolphinet (Mrs J. Midwood), 8-11 P. Eddery (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 it fav Princess Sitka, 13-2 Kitty Fisher, Skimmer, 7-1 Hot Belle, 10-1 Pams Gleam (4th), Precious Marina. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 16p, 25p, dup; dual forecast, £1.60. J. A. T. Johnson, at Upper Lambourn. 2½l, 1½l. 1min 5.66sec.

2.45 (2.46) ORMONDE STAKES (£3,532: 1m 5f 89yd)
Rouser, ch c, by Mourne—Reveille (Mrs J. de Rothschild), 4-8-4 G. Lewis (11-8 fav) 1
Zab, b h, by Holdric II—Zelfana (Lady Beaverbrook), 6-8-9 J. Mercer (9-2) 2
Riboreen, ch f, by Ribero—Miss Loveridge (D. Prenn), 4-8-9 B. Taylor (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Salado, 10-1 Dakota (4th), 25-1 White Hart Lane. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 12p, 21p; forecast, £1.00. B. Hobbs, at Newmarket. 4l, 5l. 3min 04.66sec.

3.15 (3.18) LADBROKE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,534: 7f)
Gan On Geordie, b c, by On Your Mark—Miss Dalston (R. Baker), 8-13 .... L. Charnock (8-1) 1
Be Tuneful, ch f, by Be Friendly—Alchorus (Mrs J. Hindley), 9-0 .... A. Kimberley (8-11 fav) 2
Giselle, b f, by Pall Mall—Fianna (Col R. Poole), 9-0 P. Eddery (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Watch Valdi. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 77p; forecast, £2.12. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 5l, ½l. 1min 31.02sec.

3.45 (3.46) DEE STAKES (3-y-o: £5,690: 1¼m)
Ravel, b c, by Levmoss—Ravie (C. Harris-St John), 8-8 W. Carson (7-1) 1
Amati, ch c, by Forli—Sofava II (H. Zeisel), 8-8 B. Taylor (12-1) 2
Berfeil, b c, by Ribero—Counterfeit (A. Richards), 8-12 A. Barclay (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Halicas, 5-1 Barrettstown, 9-2 Sergeant Bibot, 12-1 Gold Claim (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 32p, 64p; dual forecast, £5.15. B. Hills, Lambourn. 1½l, hd. 2m 21.45sec.

4.15 (4.16) OULTON HANDICAP (£1,0??: 6f)
Tolspring, b h, by King's Leap—Angelique (S. Jackson), 5-9-7 P. Eddery (4-9 fav) 1
Alezan Dore, ch f, by Mountain Call—Over the Water (Mrs H. Fox), 4-7-13 .. W. Carson (7-4) 2
2 ran.
TOTE: Win, 13p. Denys Smith, Bishop Auckland. ¾l. 1m 23.11sec.

4.45 (4.46) EATON HANDICAP (£947: 1¼m)
Pierino, ch h, by Miralgo—Princess Puma (F. Sasse), 5-8-13 P. Eddery (4-5 fav) 1
Netherkelly, br h, by Le Levanstell—Princess Quay (J. Bigg), 5-8-7 T. Ives (6-1) 2
Caiola Prince, br h, by Kythnos—Lilis (R. Jones), 7-8-2 W. Carson (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Charivari (4th), 14-1 Saints Day, 15-1 Borostina. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 17p, 31p; dual forecast, 61p. D. Sasse, Upper Lambourn. 10l, 1l. 2m 50.75sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Gan On Geordie, Tolspring, £6.50. TREBLE: Rouser, Ravel, Pierino, £8.55. JACKPOT: £1,301.35 (2 winning tickets).

Salisbury

2.0 (2.01) DORSET HANDICAP (3-y-o: £784: 1m)
Western Isle, ch c, by Shooting Chant—Iona's Girl (S. Garner), 8-6 .... F. Durr (11-2) 1
Company Sergeant, b c, by Tudor Melody—Mulberry (Mrs R. Francis), 9-2 G. Starkey (16-1) 2
Fair Deed, b f, by Derring-Do—Fair Winter (W. Barnett), 8-13 P. Waldron (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Collaborator (4th), 6-1 Noble Affair, 15-2 Amarante, 9-1 Bam Bum, 13-1 Clerical Silk, 16-1 El Baseola, Grand Rose, Unicorns Fancy, 20-1 Kloten, Clown Prince, Hinton, Boating Song, The Lubistem. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 26p, 22p, 11p. R. Hannon, at Marlborough. 1l, ½l. 1min 42.19sec.

2.30 (2.35) FULLERTON STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £416: 5f)
King's Fire, b c, by King's Leap—Fire Bell (E. Hill), 8-1 A. Bond (6-5 fav) 1
Nostalgia, b f, by Veiled Wonder—Clairecionda (Mrs H. Price), 8-3 A. Murray (100-30) 2
Gay Minnie, b f, by Divine Gift—Gay Frolic (R. Brooks), 8-1 P. Cook (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Night Story, 8-1 Cissy's Pal, 10-1 Cloudy Knight, Phantom Ace, 14-1 Balkton, Janslik, 16-1 Milliner, 20-1 Red Czar (4th), First Service, Snow Swan, Telasur. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 14p, 20p, 57p. S. H. Snuble, at Dartford. 1½l, sh hd. 1min 2.18sec. Charlotte Beacon (12-1) did not run.

3.0 (3.01) NEW FOREST HANDICAP (£662: 7f)
The Godson, b c, by Red God—Distant Horizon (H. Beddall), 4-8-7 .... M. Simmonite (12-1) 1
Sound Jiff, ch c, by Never Say Die—Sound Number (K. Girling), 4-9-5 ...... F. Durr (2-1 fav) 2
Swift Falcon, b c, by Falcon—Musical Watch (Mrs L. Muckleston), 4-8-2 A. Murray (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Boundless, 8-1 Irish Paul, Mahblessed (4th), 13-1 Kilmorony, 14-1 Marennes Blue, Swagman, 16-1 Linlino, 25-1 Loughboro' George, No Trespass. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.15; places, 23p, 14p, 20p. A. C. M. Stevens, at Colerne. 2½l, 2½l. 1min 26.07sec.

3.30 (3.35) REDENHAM STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £664: 5f)
Rory's Rocket, gr f, by Roan Rocket—Caniadora (Mrs W. Slaylor), 8-11 F. Durr (15-2) 1
Acquire, br f, by Burglar—Acellio (J. Henderson), 8-11 F. Morby (7-4 fav) 2
Swedish Gavotte, ch f, by Sterling Bay—Gavotte (Mrs R. Nelson), 8-11 ...... R. Marshall (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Marmora Bay (4th), 15-2 Fleur D'Amour, 10-1 Shangdal Lady, 12-1 Safelight, 20-1 Ship's Bell, Adorabella, Pam-a-Loria, Summer Speed. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 63p; places, 18p, 21p, 21p. P. Ashworth, at Epsom. ½l, 1½l. 1min 06.67sec.

4.0 (4.01) CITY BOWL HANDICAP (£720: 1¼m)
Woodland Reward, b c, by Philemon—Sister Willow (Mrs O. Lusty), 4-9-4 .... F. Durr (8-1) 1
Realist, b h, by Reliance II—Words and Music (H. Blagrave), 7-9-11 ...... T. Rogers (8-1) 2
Banco Divin, ch h, by Acropolis—Mary Falconer (J. Knox), 7-7-13 ..... J. Reid (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Benroy (4th), 11-2 Lousy Time, 7-1 Prince Antoine, 8-1 Ivor, 14-1 Radiant Light, Yellow Lark, 20-1 Matsuba, Hyssopus, Bibury Ash. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 80p; places, 25p, 30p, 26p. R. Hannon, at Marlborough. ½l, 6l. 2min 4.22sec.

4.30 (4.35) WINCANTON PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £545: 1¼m)
Busted Fiddle, ch c, by Busted—Dolina (H. Zeisel), 9-0 A. Murray (9-2 it fav) 1
On Remand, b f, by Reform—Anuande (Lady J. Agnew), 8-11 ...... F. Morby (11-2) 2
Gypsy Bronze, ch f, by Sky Gipsy—Trouble for Stubble (B. Welch), 8-11 .. G. Starkey (9-2 it fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sarpedon, 9-1 Hemmings, Timoim (4th), 12-1 Whispering Breeze, 14-1 Miss Merida, St Cadwaladr, 16-1 Coming Over, 20-1 Baronecroft, Iverway, Gabar Fleith, Epping Forest, London Rose. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 20p, 22p.

19p. H. Price, at Findon. 2l, 1½l. 2min 12.61sec.

5.0 (5.01) FULLERTON STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £417: 5f)
Epsom Imp, br c, by St Alphage—Sarah Jane (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), 8-1 T. Cain (3-1 fav) 1
Sierra Verde, gr c, by Runnymede—Eastern Miss (K. Sykes), 8-4 ...... A. Launchbury (5-1) 2
Flying Colours, b f, by King's Company—Dior (Mrs J. Thompson), 8-1 .... D. Cullen (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Shady Grey, 8-1 Muriska Prince (4th), 9-1 Le Petit Vert, 10-1 Flying Boy, 16-1 Zarzaline, 20-1 Regency Tune, Abu Dhabi, Chocolate Speedway, Out of Season, Hotazur, Monymusk. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 19p, 17p, 17p. R. Smyth, at Epsom. 3l, 5l. 1min 1.48sec. Square Halo did not run.

5.30 (5.31) WINCANTON PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o: £545: 1¼m)
Brani, gr c, by Sea Hawk II—Bombazine (C. St George), 9-0 ... A. Murray (11-8 fav) 1
King's Honour, ch c, by Majestic Prince—Double Treasure (P. Mellon), 8-9 J. Matthias (14-1) 2
Latine Belle, br f, by Luthier—St Lucie (R. Francis), 8-11 G. Starkey (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 Academic World, 20-1 Faculty, Telemark, 25-1 Bill Hobbs, 33-1 Nan Bird (4th), Pink Palace, Gala Moor, Baytown, Camina, Dro Favente, Divine Queen. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 15p, 20p, 30p. Ryan Price, at Findon. 2½l, 5l. 2min 8.12sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: The Godson, Woodland Reward, £315.00. TREBLE: King's Fire, Rory's Rocket, Busted Fiddle, £22.15.

Carlisle

2.30 (2.32) HIGH STILE PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £311: 5f)
Flakebridge, ch c, by Keren—Little Wren (J. Winter), 9-0 C. Dwyer (3-1) 1
Gold Chab, b f, by Chebs Lad—Goldwyn (T. Wilson), 8-11 C. Moss (6-4 fav) 2
Ironbridge, gr c, by Grisaille—Seven Sisters (Mrs D. Bobbi), 9-0 D. Ryan (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 My Wellie Nice Ice, Restless George, 12-1 Bangers Green, The Brothers, 14-1 Bandstech, 20-1 Evedor (4th), Katie Grey, Mayo Melody, Silver Gunner. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 14p, 11p, 18p. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. 3l, nk.

3.0 (3.3) BRANDRETH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £583: 6f)
Gala Galore, ch f, by Gala Performance—Gold Galore (Mrs K. Cornforth), 7-11 C. Eccleston (9-2) 1
White Emperor, ch c, by Great White Way—La Romana (P. Taylor), 7-10 .. K. Lewis (11-1) 2
Tack Rule, b f, by Counsel—Tackard (W. C. Watts), 7-6 D. Nicholls (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Scarlet Wonder, 11-2 Moon Lily, 8-1 Grim Lass (4th), 11-1 Royal Darwin, 12-1 Mary Mod, 14-1 Larenka, Tunstall Jane, 20-1 Nuits Crosby, 33-1 Another Morley, Jollimanda, Chare, Haveglass, Border Hill's. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 16p, 15p, 38p, 99p. L. Shedden, at Wetherby. ¾l, nk.

3.30 (3.34) SCAFELL HANDICAP (£1??: 1m)
Branded, b c, by Meldrum—Well Matched (R. Spencer), 4-8-3 M. Birch (5-1 fav) 1
Princely Mount, ch h, by Princely Gift—Mount Zara (E. Perks), 5-?-1 .... E. Eldin (8-1) 2
Kenco, ch h, by Espresso—Gedoparonija (Mrs V. Haigh), 6-?-9 O. Gray (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Quick Thinking, 12-1 Gold Coin (4th), Larella, 14-1 Conpuence, 20-1 Better By Far, Hardy Cute, Medina Boy, Golden Pistol, Medicinal Compound, Highland Sky, Uncle John, Crackador. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 15p, 18p, 18p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 1l, 2l.

4.0 (4.01) GRASMOOR HANDICAP (£430: 5f)
Bunny Boy, b c, by Right Boy—Ruggane (J. Rodgers), 5-8-9 C. Eccleston (13-2) 1
Mary Culter, ch f, by Sky Gipsy—Enclica (D. Robinson), 3-7-13 J. Lowe (6-1) 2
Queensway, ch g, by Typhoon—Lady Corlina (J. Finlayson), 5-8-3 .... M. Nuttall (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Flyer (4th), 10-1 Cunning Trick, 12-1 Double-?-n, 20-1 Wilfek, Carnival Sovereign, Red Desire. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.09; places, 24p, 18p, 20p; Dual forecast, £2.49. S. Wainwright, at Malton. 1l, 1l.
Two Ronnies (11-4 fav) was withdrawn, not under starter's orders. Rule four applies to all bets, deduct 20p in the £.

4.30 (4.36) ROW FELL PLATE (Div I: 3-y-o: £311: 1m)
Open Doors, ch c, by Quisling—Open Display (J. Sanderson), 9-0 .... E. Eldin (6-1) 1
Walk Around, ch g, by Farm Walk—Leger Bar (Mrs J. Azzell), 8-11 .... O. Gray (14-1) 2
Cheeky, b c, by Bold Lad (Ire)—Madame Caroline (D. Robinson), 9-0 .. B. Raymond (evens fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Kintore, Kirsbec, Mandriale, 20-1 Abercata, Africa Star, Chadford, 33-1 Glen Artic, Ponnuysoul, Scarlet God (4th), Aline Marmarel, Confederate Queen, Wild Derry, Y-Viva-Esuana. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 15p, 29p, 14p. F. Carr, at Malton. 2½l, 3l. River Mist did not run.

5.0 (5.05) GREAT GABLE PLATE (Div I: £311: 1½m)
Camarina, ch f, by Aureole—Campagna (Sir J. Musker), 3-7-5 S. Salmon (9-4 fav) 1
Gyrate, b c, by Gyr—Achnanellan (Maj M. Wyatt), 3-7-11 G. Duffield (5-1) 2
Holme Moss, ch c, by Ballymoss—Flights Fancy (G. Marsh), 3-7-4 M. Woods (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Rambling, 7-1 Mr Midshipman, 8-1 The Froddler, 10-1 Chiricahua, 14-1 Svenken, 16-1 Moray (4th), 20-1 Francesca, Lea Manor, 33-1 Majestic Streak. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 16p, 15p, £2.01. W. Elsey, at Malton. ½l, 3l.

5.30 (5.33) GREAT GABLE PLATE (Div II: £311: 1½m)
Lord Greystoke, b g, by Royal Palm—Lalania Lady (Mr G. Sandiford), 4-8-12 P. Kelleher (4-1) 1
Maris Piper, ch c, by Queen's Colour—Nuda (S. Hill), 3-8-7 C. Astbury (5-1) 2
Dunky, ch c, by St Chad—Lucem (D. Robinson), 3-7-11 G. Sexton (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Soon for Sale, 9-1 Hemingway, 14-1 Brownsman, Kings Drum (4th), Le Lion, 20-1 Carnival Jest, Tacologe, Belle of Morland, Rose of Tobroul. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 23p, 13p, 24p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 1½l, 2½l.

6.00 (6.03) BOW FELL PLATE (Div II: 3-y-o: £311: 1m)
Tony, b g, by Pongee—Lili (Mr D. Bousfield), 8-7 P. McGoldrick (11-2) 1
Little Wild Duck, ch f, by Great Heron — Bebill (Princess Outlingen-Spielberg), 8-6 S. Salmon (4-1) 2
Wild Easter, b f, by Punchinello—Spotless (J. Hurst), 8-11 A. Horrocks (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-2 fav Rustic River, 6-1 Abalone, Supreme Honey, 8-1 Chinuera, Darling Eve, 12-1 Carmoni Princess, Venetian Blind (4th), 16-1 If Man, 20-1 Jet Silver, Midnight Flame, Sandgate, Gay Pat. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 30p, 31p, 5?p. W. Haigh, at Penrith. Nk, 3l. Cresta Way did not run.

6.30 (6.32) HIGH STILE PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £311: 5f)
Fir's Hill, b c, by Jukebox—Lulona (M. Murrey), 9-0 B. Raymond (8-1) 1
Partridge Brook, b f, by Birdbrook—Linena (T. English), 8-4 T. Walsh (4-5 fav) 2
Gunner B, ch c, by Royal Gunner—Sweet Councillor (Mrs P. Barratt), 9-0 B. Connorton (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Likely Boy, 7-1 Maltese Lace (4th), 20-1 Beaming Jack, Julianne, 33-1 Ronal Tudor, Sabante, Wheelem-Boy, Kirkstone. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.79; places, 28p, 19p, 18p. S. Norton, at Barnsley. 5l, 2½l. Palestrina did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Branded, Open Doors: £4.05. TREBLE: Gala Galore, Bunny Boy, Camarina: £65.

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Road used as a public path remains a bridleway

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Hood

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Sir John Pennycuick

A "road used as a public path", as classified on a definitive map prepared by a county council under section 32 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, is not to be downgraded beyond that of a "bridleway" (a highway over which the public have a right of way on foot or on horseback or leading a horse) unless there is evidence that can be properly considered under section 33 of the 1949 Act, as amended by schedule 3 to the Countryside Act, 1968 (providing for the periodical review of maps).

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mrs Margaret Cynthia Hood, of Birchington, Kent, a member of the British Horse Society, from the refusal of the Divisional Court (the Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Milmo, Mr Justice Ackner dissenting) (*The Times*, October 23, 1974; [1974] 1 WLR 1479) to grant an order of certiorari to quash confirmation by the Secretary of State for the Environment of a proposal by Kent County Council that a highway (CRF30) shown on the definitive map as a "road used as a public path" in Herne Common should be reclassified as a "footpath". The council had reclassified it as a footpath after a special review under section 33 as amended.

Their Lordships quashed the minister's decision as erroneous in law and ordered the path to be classified as a bridleway.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted on condition that the order for costs in favour of the applicant both in the Court of Appeal and the Divisional Court *should not be disturbed and that* the minister should pay her costs in the House.

The 1949 Act by section 32(4) provides that the definitive map and statement . . . "shall be conclusive as to the particulars contained therein to the following extent . . .—(a) where the map shows a footpath, the map shall be conclusive evidence that there was at the relevant date specified in the statement a footpath as shown on the map; (b) where the map shows a bridleway, or a road used as a public path, the map shall be conclusive evidence that there was at the said date a highway as shown on the map, and that the public had thereover at that date a right of way on foot and a right of way on horseback or leading a horse, so however that this paragraph shall be without prejudice to any question whether the public had at that date any right of way other than the rights aforesaid. . . ."

Part III of Schedule 3 to the 68 Act provides by paragraph 9: "(1) In the special review the draft revision, and the definitive map and statement, shall show every road used as a public path by one of the three following descriptions—(a) a 'byway open to all traffic', (b) a 'bridleway', (c) a 'footpath'. . . ." [The map shall no longer employ the expression "road used as a public path."]

Paragraph 10 provides: "The considerations to be taken into account in deciding in which class a road used as a public path is to be put shall be—(a) whether any vehicular right of way has been shown to exist, (b) whether the way is suitable for vehicular traffic having regard to the position and width of the existing right of way, the condition and state of repair of the way, and the nature of the soil, (c) where the way has been used by vehicular traffic, whether the extinguishment of vehicular rights of way would cause any undue hardship."

Mr Leonard Hoffman for the applicant; Mr Harry Woolf for the minister.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal concerned a way about 400 yards long at Herne Bay going past a hospital for geriatrics. The question was what was its status. Was it a footpath for foot passengers or a bridleway for horses?

For 100 years or more there had been a defined way there. It was defined in the ordnance survey map of 1872. For about 200 yards it was a tarred way leading to the hospital. Then for 200 yards there was a grassway about 20 feet wide *bounded on one side* by a ditch and on the other by a hedge and belt of trees.

The good policy of the legislature was to have all our ancient highways mapped out and put on conclusive maps so that people should know what their rights were.

Our old highways were created before 1835 when people went on foot, on horseback or by cart, to work in the fields, or to church. The law of England was "once a highway, always a highway". With the coming of the motor car, the bus and the bicycle rights of way had fallen into disuse. But it was important that they should be preserved and be known for recreation and for the enjoyment of the amenities of our land. That was the purpose of the 1949 Act with the amendments in the Countryside Act, 1968.

Running through the legislation was the old threefold classification of the common law. Sir Edward Coke said: "There be three kinds of wayes, whereof you shall reade in our ancient bookes": (1) a footway; (2) a footway and horseway; and (3) "which contains the other two, and also a cartway" (Co Lit 56a). Those were the main three *kinds, although there could be* special cases, eg, by dedication.

In 1949 there were to be draft maps, then provisional maps, then definitive maps. There were opportunities for persons interested to make their representations. On those maps the local authority were required to show whether there was a footpath, a bridleway, or, in an unfortunate phrase, a "road used as a public path", which was defined in section 27(6) of the 1949 Act as "a highway, other than a public path, used by the public mainly for the purposes for which footpaths or bridleways are so used".

Local authorities had to make up their maps and put the ways into those categories. The last category was clearly intended to exclude well made up ways, like the Berkshire Ridgeway or the Downs, where people had walked or gone on horse for centuries.

The present matter arose because in 1972 Kent County Council carried out a review of the map and on their reclassification put the way in dispute as a footpath.

The British Horse Society objected. There was an inquiry by an inspector who made a report.

The minister confirmed the council's reclassification. There was no machinery for appeal from the minister in any way. So the only way of questioning it was by application for certiorari on the ground that his decision was erroneous in point of law. So application was made to the Divisional Court to quash the minister's decision and, on appeal, to the Court of Appeal. That seemed to be the only way in which the minister's decision in such a case could be reconsidered.

On the 1952 definitive map the route was shown as a "road used as a public path". The effect of section 32(4) of the 1949 Act was that it was "conclusive" that in 1952 the public had a right of way on foot and on horseback or leading a horse over it. It had been classified "CRF" making it a cartway with foot passengers over it. That classification was very misleading.

The court had to go by the fact that the way was a "road used as a public path" and there was a conclusive presumption once the definitive map was passed *in* 1952 that the public had a right over it on foot or by horse. That conclusive presumption was there from 1952 onwards.

The 1949 Act provided for periodical reviews. On such reviews the highway authority could say that they had new evidence on which the way could be upgraded. But there was no machinery for *the owner of the land* to get it downgraded: *Morgan v Hartfordshire County Council* ([1965] LGR 456).

Parliament, however, made provision for downgrading *on new* evidence in Schedule 3 to the 1968 Act. In it Parliament obviously saw that the description "road used as a public path" had given a great deal of trouble. In paragraph 9(1) of Part III of *Schedule 3 it provided that in the* special review the definitive map should show every public path by one of three descriptions: (a) "byway open to all traffic"; (b) "bridleway"; (c) "footpath".

When it came to a review and the local authority were applying the 1968 Act could they go behind the definitive map and, if so, to what extent? The considerations to be taken into account *were set out in paragraph 10. They* all dealt with vehicular rights of way. On the reclassification paragraph 10 made it clear that vehicular rights could be taken away but not any other rights.

The local authority, however, wanted to say that the road here was only a footpath. His Lordship thought that that contention was wrong. On a review they could consider whether or not *any vehicles should any longer* be able to use the path and say no. They could say whether under section 33 of the 1949 Act the local authority could upgrade it or the owner could downgrade it. But there was no machinery for them to open up the whole question whether the way was properly shown on the 1952 definitive map. There was no evidence or ground to bring in section 33 as amended.

The conclusive presumption remained and carried with it the fact that the way was one which the public had in 1952 the right to go over on foot or on horseback or leading a horse. The description must appear on the new classification as a bridleway. His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Ackner. The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE BROWNE, concurring, said that he agreed with the Master of the Rolls and Mr Justice Ackner. His Lordship could not accept that the special review (which was defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the 1968 Act) was something quite different from an ordinary review under section 33. The intention of the 1949 Act was that questions as to the extent, *nature and incidence of paths*, bridleways and roads used by the public for other purposes should be fully investigated and decided before the definitive maps were drawn up.

The 1949 definitive maps were intended, in general, to be final. Parliament did not intend that classifications under them should be reopened many years later. As Mr Justice Ackner had said, "*roads used as public paths are* not to be downgraded beyond that of a bridleway unless there is evidence that can be properly considered under section 33".

Sir John Pennycuick delivered a concurring judgment

Solicitors: Cripps, Harries, Hall & Co, Tunbridge Wells; Treasury Solicitor.

Refusal to give laboratory specimen

Regina v Curran

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice James and Mr Justice Ashworth

The House of Lords is to consider the question whether the offence of failing without reasonable excuse to provide a specimen for a laboratory test contrary to section 9(3) of the Road Traffic Act, 1972, can be established without establishing that the defendant was a person in charge of, or driving or attempting to drive, a motor vehicle on a road or other public place.

The Court of Appeal gave leave to appeal from their dismissal of an appeal by John Curran, aged 28, of Finchley Road, Barnet, from conviction at Middlesex Crown Court (Judge Marven Everett, QC) last October of contravening section 9(3). He was fined £10 and disqualified for 12 months.

The jury had acquitted him of a charge that he was in charge of a motor vehicle when unfit to drive through drink or drugs, contrary to section 5(2) of the Act, for *which he had been* arrested and required to provide the laboratory test specimen.

Mr David Mills for the appellant: Miss Ann Goddard for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that police officers discovered the appellant sitting in a stationary car in a street, there was ample evidence that he had had a great deal to drink, and they were justified in forming a prima facie view that he was in charge of the car while unfit to drive. They did not have to prove that he was then unfit because he was apparently committing the offence and they could act on a reasonable belief: *Wiltshire v Barrett* ([1966] 1 QB 312).

It had not been disputed that the procedure was properly gone through or that he had refused to provide the specimen.

The argument was that a conviction of the "sample" offence was inconsistent with an acquittal of the "in charge" offence because the "sample" offence was not complete unless and until the prosecution could satisfy the court that the appellant was in fact either driving or attempting to drive or else in charge at the relevant time. The jury's acquittal was as clear a record as one could have that the prosecution had failed to prove that he was in charge.

Section 5(3) provided that a person should be deemed not to have been in charge if he proved that the circumstances were such that there was no likelihood of his driving the vehicle so long as he remained unfit to drive through drink or drugs. It afforded a defence, *or "escape route"*, for a motorist who had had more than he ought to have had to drink but was prepared to wait until he sobered up before driving. It was right to say that the jury acquitted the appellant on section 5(3), which was the only live issue on the charge under section 5(2).

The defence argument was that the two charges stood or fell together. The prosecution argued that they did not.

The eventual issue was narrow. The 1972 Act, like the Road Safety Act, 1967, did not appear to have dealt with a person who was properly arrested for apparently being in charge but was proved in the end not to have been unfit. The penalties were *prescribed in column 4 of Part* I of Schedule 4, which provided, in relation to an offence under section 9(3): "(i) Where it is shown that at the relevant time . . . the offender was driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle on a road . . . 4 months or £100. . . . (ii) Where in any other case it is shown that at that time the offender was in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or *other public place, 4 months* or £100. . . ."

The court's difficulty arose from previous conflicting authorities. *R v Richardson (John)* ([1975] 1 WLR 321; *The Times*, December 11, 1974), which Mr Mills rightly argued was indistinguishable from the present case, raised the problem of punishment in stark form, and the court took the view that such a charge could *not* be sustained without proof that the accused was "in charge" at the relevant time.

In the ordinary way the registrar's department was so efficient that their Lordships were warned of recent decisions which might affect the case before them—but even Homer nodded from time to time, and in *Williams v Osborne* ([1975] RTR 181) (decided on January 22) a man found asleep by the police in a car refused to give any kind of sample or cooperate in any way because he maintained, correctly in fact, that he was not in charge and had not driven or attempted to drive. He was convicted of a section 9(3) offence, and the main argument on appeal in the Divisional Court was directed to whether the failure was "without reasonable excuse". In that case it was *rightly held that a belief that no* offence of being in charge was committed was not a reasonable excuse within section 9(3).

No reference had been made in *Williams v Osborne* to the Schedule and the court was not acquainted with the problem which had arisen, but that case was undoubted authority for a general rejection of the argument that the section 9(3) offence and the offence of being in charge when unfit stood or fell together.

The two authorities were in complete disagreement, and their Lordships had to decide which to follow. They would follow the principle in *Williams v Osborne*, not so much for the principle as stated but as dictating the result in the present appeal.

Section 9(3) was intended to be a self-contained code for dealing with failure to provide a laboratory test specimen and the consequences of such failure. It was not disputed in the present case that the arrest was lawful, that the police were justified in taking the appellant to the police station *having regard to his condition*, that he was lawfully required to give the sample, and that he flatly refused. Those features constituted the offence. The prosecution would not have been brought if he was not apparently in charge at the relevant time. The additional requirement for the prosecution to prove that he was in charge at the relevant time was unnecessary and most unlikely to have been intended by Parliament.

The problem remained of what punishment should be regarded as appropriate to an offence under section 9(3), when for any reason it could not be established that the accused was driving or attempting to drive or in charge at the relevant time. Although the statutory language did appear in the earlier Act and had a respectable lineage in that regard, it had still to be made to work sensibly. Therefore, paragraph (i) should read as set out in the scheduled column, and paragraph (ii) should be read as treating "any other case" as capable of coming within section 5(5). Paragraph (ii) applied where the evidence showed that it was apparent to the police officer that the accused was in charge of the vehicle.

The right approach was to maintain the prosecution argument and try to see that the Schedule of punishments was made to work rather than allow, as it were, to control the Act and produce a result which was inconsistent with the intention of Parliament.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Leave to appeal: counsel's duty

Harkness (formerly Kadylak) v Kadylak

In appealing interlocutory orders made in the Family Division solicitors and counsel must be alive to the necessity for leave. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Ormrod), in dismissing a wife's appeal against an order made in the County Court in relation to a lump sum payment under section 24 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973, was unanimous in emphasizing the need to comply with section 31 of the Judicature Act, 1925, and Order 59 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The court said that leave to appeal should have been sought from the County Court judge. If he had refused, the applicant could then have come to the Court of Appeal and the whole matter could have been disposed of by the less expensive procedure of an application for leave to appeal.

It might be that the court had been too lenient and would have to be stricter: it had lately had to deal with far too many cases in which leave had not been sought from the court below. It was counsel's duty before coming to the Court of Appeal to see that the proper application for leave had been *made*.

Parent-power makes itself felt in Europe's schools

Italy has just started a big experiment in parent power-sharing in the running of schools. Last February some 14,000,000 parents, 66 per cent of all children in Italian schools, turned out to vote their representatives on to school councils. These will advise on the curriculum and devise and present the school budget, as well as having some say over disciplining and expelling troublesome pupils.

Parents in Germany are also represented on school councils along with (as in France and Italy) members of the non-teaching staff such as cleaners, caretakers and secretaries. The French government in 1968 and 1969 approved measures to establish councils in schools and universities on which parents and students are represented.

But the greatest progress in Europe towards parent control of school management has taken place in Denmark where the parents dominate the school boards which decide all school matters and where the power of parents is resented by many teachers.

In Britain parents do not have much influence on the running of the schools their children attend. About eight out of every ten secondary schools now have a parent representative on their governing bodies of about 15 to 20 members. But the governing body itself meeting about once a term usually has little more than a general supervisory influence. The headteacher is still very much the captain of the ship.

Earlier this year the government set up the Taylor Committee to look into the management of schools. It will probably take two years to report, but it is likely to recommend changes to end the unsatisfactory system of political nominess dominating the membership of governing bodies, even though many of them have little knowledge of education.

This committee will no doubt look closely at the many parent councils being set up on the Continent. They will see some of the strengths and obvious pitfalls which emerged from an international conference on parent participation which I attended in Rome earlier this week.

Mrs Karin-Lis Svarre, education correspondent of *Politiken* described how Danish schools had been run as an extension of the church. She continued: "In recent years that changed so that the teachers had the biggest influence, and today the influence has been passed on to the parents and to some extent to the pupils."

In 1970 the Danish government passed an educational supervision Act which gave parents a big voice on local education committees, where they have five members to the local council's six, and the dominant vote on the boards which run the schools. On these the parents have four representatives and the local council has one. The headteacher, the chairman of the teachers' council and two pupils can attend board meetings but they are not allowed to vote.

Under the Act the board is *given powers to "deal with* all issues pertaining to the school". It takes the final decision on the grades to which pupils progress, it approves the distribution of the work among teachers, it can lay down rules on discipline after consulting the teachers' council it approves the educational equipment to be used in the schools and in this way has a certain amount of control over the curriculum. It recommends building plans for the school and last year was given powers to draw up the school budget although both have to be approved by the local council.

The first Danish school board election took place in 1970 but only 11 per cent of parents turned out to vote. Last year when the next elections came round the figure improved to 28 per cent. Mrs Svarre said that some schools, particularly in rural areas, did not bother with electing parents but just approved a list of candidates. The parents on the boards came mainly from stable middle-class backgrounds.

M Bertrand le Gendre of *Le Monde* said that parent participation in France had only really developed in secondary schools. Here teachers were strongly represented on school boards supplying one third of the members. The remaining two-thirds membership was divided equally between parents, pupils, school administrators, and local council nominees.

Between 30 and 40 per cent of French parents voted in each of the two elections so far to appoint the members of the boards which vary from between 36 and 44 in strength. He said there was not a great deal of enthusiasm for the boards from many parents because they felt they were so powerless. They were mainly consultative bodies but their two decision-making powers to draw up a budget and appoint staff were curbed. The head had the final decision on staff appointments, and the government usually rejected the budget as too excessive.

In France and Denmark the desire for modern educational reforms to include new teaching methods has been at the backbone of parental involvement. But in Italy there is an open battle as well between the forces of the right and left to gain control of the schools. This must account for the surprisingly high turn-out last February when 66 per cent of *parents*, 67 per cent of pupils, and 90 per cent of teaching and non-teaching staff voted their members on to the new councils.

The moving force on the left has been Signor Franco Bernstein, a militant anti-fascist, whose two sons have both been beaten up badly at school and university, *one for going to* the aid of a Jew. In 1971 he set up cogidas—a parent organization to promote democracy and anti-fascism in schools. It is closely linked to political movements which are seeking to expand parent and worker participation throughout a federally united Europe.

The Taylor Committee will be trying to see how a closer relationship between school and home, as recommended in the Plowden Report, can be brought about. It will have to decide whether it can be best done by the parents as in Denmark or through our own development in schools of teachers as social workers and by the move already started in many areas to make the schools a vital part of the community.

Tim Devlin

The Times cassette offer

Times Newspapers has entered the cassette business. Until recently this growing industry has been dominated by music cassettes, but in the past five years sales of non-music cassettes ("spoken word") have risen far more sharply than those sold as pure entertainment and forecasts today suggest that it will not be many years before music cassettes are trailing behind "spoken word" cassettes.

Year	*Music cassettes*	*Spoken Word (Audio Entertainment)*
1971	11,700,000	800,000
1972	17,500,000	10,900,000
1973	22,900,000	15,000,000
1974	24,900,000	15,800,000
1975	30,200,000 (forecast)	23,000,000 (forecast)

Times cassettes will cover a wide variety of leisure and learning subjects in a dramatized way. The emphasis is on informative entertainment covering literature, sport, drama and leisure. Cassettes were first launched in the United Kingdom in 1967 and by 1970 sales of cassette players were running at over one million a year. The forecast for sales this year is 20,000,000. So far the United Kingdom market has been virtually entirely music sound, though recently there has been a growing realization of the potential of cassettes in audio-visual education and training.

In its decision to go into the cassette market Times Newspapers has joined Phonogram, one of the United Kingdom's biggest record companies, which markets under such labels as Philips, Mercury, Vertigo and Fontana. The cassettes will be sold through traditional and non-traditional outlets such as music shops and the Audio Club of Great Britain. They are also available directly from *The Times*, and *The Sunday Times* and the *Times Supplements*. For the benefit of readers a coupon is available below. Most of the cassettes will retail at £3.15 though some of the longer ones are dearer.

Six titles launch the series. They are:

Enjoy Bach. Harpsichord Music: played by Colin Tilney, with commentary by Felix Aprahamian.

Enjoying Pop. Part 1: The 20th Century Panorama: Music by many leading popular music artists, with commentary by Derek Jewell.

The English Play—Dr Faustus: An adaptation of Christopher Marlowe's famous play by John Peter, with a cast including Peter Jeffrey and Timothy Bateson. *An Hour with Edgar Allan Poe:* Four stories from the classic master of the macabre, read by Edgar Lustgarten.

Improve Your Driving: Advice, instruction and illustration from Judith Jackson and Jeremy Barrett.

Improve Your Bridge: Illustrative games and instruction (plus charts of the hands to be played) by Boris Schapiro, Alan Hiron and others.

Further titles will be released next month, including *Improve Your Golf, Summer Cooking, Enjoying Chopin, and Kidsfun*. Further titles will be issued at monthly intervals throughout 1975 and by April 1976 at least 30 titles are planned.

We invited six people to review the cassettes for us.

These are their views:

Enjoy Bach, Harpsichord Music

I must declare an interest. The urbane Felix Aprahamian is lord of the manor where I live, with a Pied Piper's allure in his many interests, from the Japanese Imperial Gardens to the music of Messiaen. His enthusiasm is equally infectious here, and what he says is interesting, without being full of what Bernard Shaw called "Mesopotamian words like the Dominant of D minor".

Clearly aimed at people keen to improve their range of experience, this cassette should appeal to anyone already fascinated by the distinctive clang of the harpsichord, and wanting to investigate further. Here things are gently explained, excellently illustrated by Colin Tilney, and superbly recorded using the Dolby system.

The chosen examples will whet the appetite, whether in a short Prelude Bach wrote as a practice piece, or in part of the majestic Italian Concerto, where the luxuriant writing well displays the contrast in sound masses Bach had in mind. Colin Tilney is faithful to Bach's intentions in these performances, brilliant, gay, and thoughtful by turns, as one imagines Bach might have played them himself.

The actual sound as recorded is magnificently crisp and clear, sounding well on a modest portable cassette-player, yet still remaining flawless at a high volume on the most refined equipment. It is no criticism to suspect that one might wish to dispense with the spoken word after a time, and to retain the performances. That is surely the intention. At this point you pass on the cassette to another thirsty soul, and buy yourself some recorded Bach harpsichord collections.

Barry Hall

The author is Publicity Officer of BBC Radio Three.

An hour with Edgar Allan Poe

The hour, of course, is the witching hour, and the full ghastly import of the nocturnal outrages in four of Poe's best loved, though not necessarily best, tales is gradually unfolded in the agreeably sinister tones of Mr Lustgarten. The choice of reader seems a particularly happy one. Mr Lustgarten is a self-confessed Poe addict and his reading has that quality of innocence which characterizes many of Poe's tales—the feeling that the perpetrator of some horrifying deed is merely the victim of cruel Fate. Also his narration is free of the self-conscious dramatization that might have been expected from an actor.

As for the stories, they embrace the criminal and the insane: a man walled up alive; a love affair to which death is no barrier; a murderer betrayed by his victim; a manic obsession concerning a dying girl. All display that kind of creeping terror peculiar to Poe's work.

To sensitive ears, *Ligeia* and *Berenice* suffer by amputation. As written by Poe they are penetrating studies of fearful mental disorder. As edited for this recording they are reduced to the role of "all-action spectaculars". The omissions from *The Cask of Amontillado* are curious but not particularly damaging, and nothing material is missed out of *The Tell-Tale Heart*.

The editing is a minor irritation, however, compared to the background music and sound-effects. The music alone might have been bearable, but the sound-effects—screams, groans, heartbeats, heavy breathing—at times make the recording sound like *The Goon Show*.

Part of Poe's genius is that he provides the imagination with all the stimulus it needs. These stories can only be hindered by help from the electronics department. It is a pity that in attempting to bring such works to life on tape, the makers of this cassette have forgotten what Poe knew so well: that silence is more terrifying than sound.

David Sinclair

The author is now preparing a biography of Edgar Allan Poe.

Improve your bridge

Although aimed at the more experienced player *Improve Your Bridge* with Boris Schapiro and Alan Hiron is so well presented, and the crucial points so clearly explained, that almost any level of bridge player will benefit from study of the tactics involved. The combination of the pungent personality *of the former world champion Boris* Schapiro, who has captured every bridge title worth winning, with the dry wit of Alan Hiron, a leading teacher and extremely competent player himself, works surprisingly well.

It will be difficult to find a more pleasant way of learning some of the finer points of the game than by settling down to the tape recorder and hand diagram and *eavesdropping on* the thoughts, expressed aloud, by the four first-class rubber bridge players when considering their bids, leads and plays. Their varied personalities come through as thinking people with whom the listener will have no difficulty in identifying—only to find himself in their position of having made in most cases the second best play.

The bidding system used is a simple, natural one of Acol with two clubs as the forcing bid and a variable one no trump opening. Boris Schapiro, with the aid of four well chosen illustrative hands, affirms his conviction that playing expert bridge is largely a matter of being able to count to 13 while avoiding silly errors rather than making brilliant play. For those unable to learn from books this cassette will be a particular boon.

Dimmie Fleming

The author was a member of the British World prize-winning bridge team.

Improve your driving

This is not so much a set of instructions as an experienced practitioner's guide to sensible and therefore safe driving. It takes the form of a running commentary by Jeremy Barrett (a director of British School of Motoring) who is driving, and *Sunday Times* Motoring Correspondent Judith Jackson, who rides with him. She provides linking passages and occasionally acts as devil's advocate.

Mr Barrett is a highly accomplished *road reader. His yard-by-yard descrip*tion of the hazards of the route, whether he is in the high street or on the motorway, makes one realize that driving a car properly is much more of a full time job than most of us make it. With hindsight, much of what he says seems obvious. ("Being polite on the road takes so little more time . . . and is a much easier way of getting *around.*") *Of course*; yet how often do we give vent to frayed tempers, forgetful of the danger involved.

Motoring enthusiasts—the kind who drive around in wide-wheeled cars wearing rally jackets, fierce scowls and paper-thin leather gloves—will not understand what this cassette is all about. Nor, I suspect, will the elderly self-taught motorists who think because they have been driving for 50 years there is nothing left to learn. In fact, both would stand to benefit from it more than most.

Mr Barrett effectively kills off some hoary old *myths* about driving skill, and how it should be displayed. "Heeling and toeing"—the simultaneous operation of brake and accelerator by *the right foot to make instant, double*-declutched downward changes, has long been held by enthusiasts to be the hallmark of the good driver. Not so, says Mr Barrett. A technique designed to save split-seconds on the race track by delaying braking has no place on the road because, if you plan your driving properly, you don't need it.

It is hard to see what relevance the *music has to the text. There is* too much of it and one passage sounds for all the world like Bank Holiday Monday at Liverpool Street Station in the days of steam. But in general, it is a good effort. Try listening to it in your car the next time you are feeling everyone else on the road is an idiot, you may realize that the idiot is yourself.

Stuart Marshall

The author is a free-lance motoring writer.

The English play—Dr Faustus

Ivan Berg's recorded production of "Dr Faustus" reduces that play to *almost exactly 53 minutes, which is* the time it takes to reach Hyde Park Corner from Maidenhead assuming that you're in a car, it's not raining and the lights are mostly with you. Now, if that's what you most want and expect of "Faustus", an in-car alternative to the wonders of Radio One or an instant summary of the play for those not blessed with the powers of reading or *theatre-going, then I have very little* to complain about.

John Peter's adaptation, using Marlowe's original text in conjunction with extracts from the English Faust Book, is admirably curt, clear and concise and the performances (well, readings) of Peter Jeffrey as Faustus and Timothy Bateson as Mephistophilis are solid Radio Three reliable. True, the employment *of only three other actors to cover* four story-tellers, seven deadly sins and assorted messengers and servants does seem economic even for these hard times, but together they provide a Listener's Digest which, in its own quick-frozen, freeze-dried, dehydrated way covers the bare essentials and serves to introduce the play to those who would not otherwise have encountered it, in much the same way that if you inscribed the plot of "King Lear" on the back of matchboxes and then handed them out with packs of cigarettes you could be said to be increasing the audience for Shakespeare.

The trouble is however that in opening new minds to "Dr Faustus" this cassette (I suspect the first of a series, since it is subtitled "World of Drama" and there's a helpful note to the effect that this is The English Play, presumably aimed at those of us who were expecting the full German operatic version in 53 minutes) will equally quickly close those minds to it, since by the end of side two Faustus is safely in hell and that appears to be that. Except of course for the fact that Marlowe wrote one of the most poetic, theatrical and massive of all Elizabethan tragedies, *and one which was intended* for a fate better than reduction to adequacy.

Sheridan Morley

The author is Arts Editor and Drama Critic of Punch.

Enjoying pop

There is an old saying to the effect that *when a clock strikes 13, it is not only* disclosing that it is wrong now, but also hinting strongly that it has never been right. A cassette tape embodying a popular history of music in our time is too sensational an event to pass without comment, and the first comment to make on Derek Jewell's account of how popular music happens, is that after striking 12 with commendable firmness by stressing the genius of the *likes of* Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington, he then even more firmly strikes 13 by suggesting that a great deal of garbage by assorted fashionable Pop groups is of comparable importance and value. The only way in which this kind of confusion can be achieved is by side-stepping issues of quality, and probably the most significant single fact about *the spoken* commentary is that *not until* the dying seconds of the long address is the word "quality" mentioned at all. Admittedly an objective historical survey is no place for qualitative assessments; the only trouble is that there is no such thing as an objective historical survey

Benny Green

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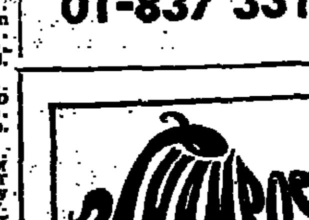

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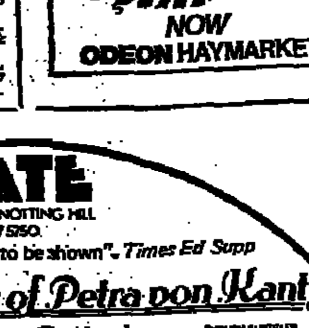

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Wisecracking through tears

The Sunshine Boys
Piccadilly

Irving Wardle

From the shallow pool of New York show business Neil Simon surfaces with yet another prize catch. Two, to be precise, as his theme is the reunion of a long-disbanded stage partnership of two comics both with equal claim to central position.

As in *The Gingerbread Lady*, Simon tells a pathetic tale in wisecracks; and again, he is dealing with senior delinquents, this time pushed to the brink of the grave. When the play opens the sunshine boys are both into their seventies, and it is 10 years since they last met or worked. Each nursing his own grievances, Al has retired to a daughter in New Jersey and Willie has lived on alone in a decrepit Manhattan hotel waiting for the telephone to ring; an illusion tenderly fostered by his agent-nephew, who now comes through with a genuine job-offer—a replay of one of their old sketches in a television programme on vaudeville classics. Quivering with suspicion, the two old enemies face each other across the studio floor in a routine that brings them to the end of the road.

As always with Simon, one is left amazed at his capacity to write honestly and brilliantly without infringing the Broadway code. Reduced to Box Office protocol, *The Sunshine Boys* is a piece of comfort theatre for the middle-aged, proclaiming the indissolubility of marriage. It also conforms to the fashion of what Americans call "myth" by exhibiting fictional characters who exist in the public domain, and giving spectators the pleasure of working out which of their composite features derive from old vaudeville idols. None of which interferes with the vitality of the double-act Simon has written (though it does constrict the rest of the cast, and in particular the hapless Stuart Damon as the well-meaning nephew, into straight-line stooges).

The motivation is sadly believable. Like the monk who knifed his neighbour at the refectory table, no longer able to stand his eating habits, Willie loathes Al because he emphasizes his lines with a stabbing index finger and spits in pronouncing words beginning with "t." Many a partnership has broken up for less. Then there is the dialogue, which is there not to show off the author's wit but to confirm his characters as funny men. Suffering from senile forgetfulness, sunk into habit, missing the point, retailing old stories, they exist in a domain of comedy that always gives them the edge over ordinary mortals. Someone accuses Willie of taking jokes too seriously. "If I was there to enjoy it", he says, "I would buy a ticket."

My first response to Danny Simon's production is profound gratitude that nobody has tried to anglicize it for the benefit of Jimmy Jewel, who turns in a marvellously credible performance totally in contrast to the clown he created in Griffiths's *The Comedians*. Stone-faced as Keaton, boneless as Lahr's Cowardly Lion, he trails over the set in pyjamas snarling assertions of self-sufficiency belied in every gesture he makes. Scanning *Variety's* obituaries and never venturing outside, Willie is clearly marooned in a showbiz world that has left him behind.

When the bell does ring, it is no fault of Alfred Marks that one momentarily sees the ghost of Ben Warriss at the door. Mr Marks, a stately old gentleman with a vigilant eye, shortly exorcizes it with his own comic spell. The contact between these two is beautiful to behold; both in private combat (look out for the wordless rehearsal scene), and when they come before the cameras with their act, briefly restored to youth and a world they know.

Jimmy Jewel and Alfred Marks Photograph by Donald Cooper

The style of high camp

David Robinson

The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant (x)
Gate

It's Alive (aa)
Warner West End 1; ABC 3 Fulham

Phantom of the Paradise (aa)
Odeon, Chelsea

Janis (aa)
Ritz

All Creatures Great and Small (a)
Studio Two

The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant is dazzling in the brittle brilliance of its execution, the precision of its structure and movement, the total, hermetic self-containment of the world it creates. This result was possible, within the very slender means available, because the director, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, was working with his own text, written for his own theatre, and with his own company, the cast which had already played it on stage and the leading actress, Margit Carstensen, for whom the play was originally written. The action is restricted to a setting even more confined than a stage: the one-room apartment in which the fashion-designer heroine lives, loves and works.

What is remarkable in the work is that with all the confinement, with the extreme—theatrical—formalism of the action and the structure, it is still transmuted completely into film, without any sense of ever having belonged to any other idiom. (The only other films that have so completely justified this sort of uncompromising translation from stage to screen are Cocteau's *Les Parents Terribles* and Lindsay Anderson's adaptation of David Storey's *In Celebration*, which its producer, Ely Landau's American Film Theatre, at present shows no sign of releasing in this country.)

Petra's apartment is dominated by a bed; a great mural of some fleshy Bacchanal, from which a plump and pallid male nude presides over her strictly feminist ménage; a telephone; and a mute chorus of bald, life-size mannequins whose postures mock the human figures.

The game of love is here to find the impossible balance between possession and freedom, sadism and masochism. Petra in the first scene recalls the failure of her marriage to a too possessive husband; and then (second scene) after she has moved into an affair with a young model, Karin, she herself becomes the possessive partner, and is shattered when the indifferent Karin drifts easily back to her own unsatisfactory husband.

All the time Petra's assistant-companion-servant-slave, Marlene (Irm Hermann, a regular player in Fassbinder films), lurks about, typing, glowering, spying, scrubbing interminably at a pastel design on an easel, submitting with glum pleasure to every cruelty, indifference and humiliation. At the end, feeling herself purified and illuminated, Petra reveals her hopeless inability ever to comprehend her relationships, by offering Marlene "freedom and joy". This being the last thing she wants, Marlene promptly packs her bag.

The choreographic stylization of the film is most extreme in this last, irresistibly silly scene, as Marlene glides to and fro, hurling, en passant, rather inappropriate, [illegible] record) into a valise lying open on the floor.

It is high camp: the dialogue as formalized as Racine; the characters with their strange anachronistic clothes and wax-doll make-ups; the division into five acts each marked by Petra's change of wig; the ritual of the opening and closing of the film (Petra brought into the light and then enclosed again in darkness); the other ritual of her intricate maquillage as she engages in a dialogue with a passing friend. But it is high camp transformed into an expressionist idiom, entirely adapted to articulate Petra's emotional and erotic purgation.

The geometrical composition of the images and the groupings of the people always express in precise terms the current emotional composition of the group; the tableau with which Fassbinder ends each sequence crystallizes exactly each successive and progressive crisis. The novel pleasure of this exercise in chamber cinema lies in the brittle perfection and the lucidity with which the idiom is equated with the content.

It is one of those intriguing phenomena of cinema history that the great explosions of enthusiasm for horror films have coincided with periods of extreme economic crisis. As Germany's post First World War inflation hit its peak around 1922 the insatiable demand for the "phantastische filmspiele" culminated with Murnau's *Nosferatu*, Leni's *Waxworks*, Lang's *Mabuse*. The depths of America's Depression was the moment of James Whale's *Frankenstein* and *Dracula*, Tod Browning's *Freaks*, Mamoulian's *Jekyll and Hyde*, and a whole Gothick cycle. It is as if material terrors can somehow be sublimated in the vicarious sensation of supernatural horror.

The mid-70s, not surprisingly, are producing their own horror cycle. The German horror films were realizations, in decorative light and shade, of the supernatural. The early thirties were preoccupied with perversions of science. The new horrors (from *Rosemary's Baby* to *The Exorcist* and beyond) seem more concerned with the evil that lurks within us as human beings, and which special circumstances may bring to light. They are also, it goes without saying, more and more concerned with sensation and visceral shock.

Nothing could be more visceral, or better illustrate what horror can lurk within us, than the notion of giving birth to monsters (guilty distant echoes of thalidomide, and the body politic's monster-birth of the Nixon era). In *It's Alive* an ordinary couple conceive a baby which springs from the womb all fangs and claws and [illegible] killing. The Thing is eventually tracked and riddled with bullets, after a brief conflict of social interest and parental loyalties. But there is news of a similar birth in Seattle . . .

There is a hint only of the possibilities of pathos (the injured, screaming creature shrouded in a coat in its father's arms) but the film is too crudely cobbled together to make much of anything—even a score by Bernard Herrman, who did the music for *Psycho* and other notable Hitchcock thrillers. The producer-writer-director was Larry Cohen.

The other direction of 70s horror is, of course, campiness—*Young Frankenstein* and the Warhol-Morrissey *Frankenstein* and *Dracula*. *Phantom of the Paradise* is camp as they come, and into the bargain is a medley of popular horror themes. *The Phantom of the Opera* is muddled together with *Faust*, *Mystery of the Wax Museum*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, and a touch of the *Rocky Horrors* for good measure.

It is also a myth of the pop world. Winslow (William Finley) is a harmless composer whose rock cantata is stolen by the evil impresario, an ageless midget called Swan (Paul Williams). When Winslow tries to claim his rights, Swan begins a persecution which ends, somehow or other, with Winslow getting his head squashed in a record pressing machine. Disfigured and masked, he haunts Swan's Pleasure Dome, The Paradise, watching over Phoenix, the quite undeserving girl whom he adores. It all ends with a massacre on stage.

The British director of photography, Larry Pizer, and the production designer, Jack Fisk, have given a cohesive visual style to the world of pop fantasy; but Brian De Palma, as writer-director, never lets his flitting scenario settle long enough to make much out of it.

There is a more realistic view of the world of pop promotion in *Janis* which was put together (one could hardly say directed) by Howard Alk and Seaton Findlay. Janis Joplin was one of the more melancholy figures of that fatalistic generation of sixties pop stars, whose epitaph might be the line of one of her songs, "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose". She died from a drug overdose in 1970, though the film is so shabby and aimless that it doesn't trouble to mention the fact for the benefit of those who may be unfamiliar with Janis Joplin and her strenuous style in performance.

The film is a rough and ready assembly of fragments from television interviews and sequences shot at pop festivals at Woodstock, Monterey and on both sides of the Atlantic. Two sequences are, despite the film, extraordinary. One, where [illegible] have a quick glimpse of the panic with which she revisits the wretchedness of a lonely and unsociable girlhood, and perhaps the explanation of her hunger for her audience; and at the end, a sequence of stills which reveals that the strong, amiable, decent, battling face never changed throughout her life.

All Creatures Great and Small is so wholesome and warm-hearted it makes you want to scream: not on account of these qualities in themselves, but because of the director's (Claude Whatham) inability to give them any more depth or meaning than a television series. It is, indeed, very like television soap opera, taken rather slow: and the characters of the village of Darrowby have no more substance than the characters of Emmerdale Farm (a lunch-time serial that only slacking housewives, idle critics and hospital patients are likely to know).

It is adapted from the amiable autobiographical reminiscences of a North Country vet, "James Herriot", who is the central character of the film, played by Simon Ward. The books have apparently a great following in the United States, where the film will no doubt supply a demand for predigested, vacuum-packed characters and sentiments. Which is not to detract from the playing of Anthony Hopkins, who gives the character of the senior vet an authentic eccentricity and the sense of period that is lacking in the hit-and-miss period dressing of the film; or of Simon Ward, who is charming and intense without being pushy, and gives the film at least the realism of shoving his arm all the way up the gynaecological equipment of a mare.

NPO/Brighton Festival Chorus
Brighton

Paul Griffiths

The theme of this year's Brighton Festival is the Grand Tour: not a focus that lends itself too readily to musical illustration, though the organizers have attempted to reflect the spirit with several programmes of eighteenth-century music, such as that of Wednesday night's concert, the first of the festival. However, future events will range widely backwards and forwards from that period, and the festival closes on May 18 with Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*.

That work was brought to mind on Wednesday during much of Laszlo Heltay's account of Mozart's C minor Mass. Perhaps a degree of grandiosity was imposed on the performance by the building, a sort of Victorian Gothic skyscraper in patterned brick; even in the third row one was hit by an impenetrable wedge of sound in the loudest and densest passages.

But the dignity and power of the choral [illegible] Heltay's own Brighton Festival Chorus is obviously a strong and musicianly body of singers. They proved that by the breathtaking effects they produced with still and quiet singing; few choirs boast sopranos who can sing softly and without strain in a high register.

Mr Heltay also displayed, despite the acoustics, an ability to present the wit as well as the weight of Mozart's writing, most notably in the "Laudamus te", where there was some delightfully graceful string playing from the NPO.

The leading soprano soloist, Teresa Cahill, was bright and lively without being stagey. Occasionally, perhaps, she went a bit too far in embellishing each note with its own dynamic curve; her account of the "Et incarnatus" was all the finer for being more purely conceived than some of her other contributions. Nevertheless, her decorative singing was beautifully apt when combined with the plainer style of the other soprano, Jennifer Smith. The unliberated men were Paul Taylor and Malcolm King.

Coppelia
Covent Garden

John Percival

I think Margaret Barbieri must be the first person ever to have played both Swanilda and Franz in *Coppelia*. With Ballet for All she used to take the *travesti* role of the hero in the old French version; on Wednesday she danced the heroine in the Royal Ballet's new production. The piquant charm she showed in the breeches role carries over into her new part, but with opportunities for much more besides.

In this full-length portrait her humour extends itself in the by-play with her friends, her admirer and the old toymaker; I completely gave up watching the czardas to concentrate on the play of emotions across her face. Her dancing, too, has such springy freshness in the first act, such vivacity even in the doll-like precision of the second, and such a sense of joy irradiating the third, that the whole work lights up around her.

Stephen Jefferies is her Franz, a safely virile role in this production. Having played Dr Coppelius at the premiere three weeks ago, he, too, is switching roles. Perhaps the complexities of the older character will challenge him rewardingly when he has the measure of them, but for the time being his brash, persuasive and witty playing of the young hero finds him more at ease.

The new Coppelius is Ashley Killar: taller and thinner than most exponents of the part, he puts on a gangling gait and a false nose of such length as to suggest an eccentrically inquiring nature.

Killar's original and convincing reading of the role loses none of the comedy but reconciles it with the serious aspects of the plot. Indeed, one of the things I like best about this cast is the way they all make their characters mesh together to enhance each other.

Philadelphia/Ormandy
Festival Hall

Stanley Sadie

The *premier coup d'archet* that Mozart provided for the Paris virtuosos of 1778 served well to introduce the Philadelphia ones of 1975 on Wednesday. Sure enough, they played it unanimously; and I dare say the exactness of ensemble throughout the symphony would have delighted Mozart. But he would surely have been alarmed, too, by a performance like this, for it was characterized by a stony, dead-pan precision and an apparent lack of interest in anything but the notes on the page. There was no hint that Eugene Ormandy found anything of brilliance or wit in the fast movements or tenderness in the slow; no one could suspect him of rounding off a phrase, flexing a rhythm or moulding a line to make it more pointed or more expressive.

Why bother to play Mozart, one wonders, if he can find so little in it? Well, perhaps Mr Ormandy is more performer than interpreter, more concerned to say something efficiently than to say it eloquently. The Mussorgsky-Ravel *Pictures at an Exhibition* suggested the same: here is music inviting pungent characterization, but it sounded more like a concerto for orchestra than a series of tone-paintings.

True, there was a hint of the mists of antiquity surrounding the "Old Castle", and a hefty trudge to the "Bydlo" oxcart, even if "Gnomus" lacked bite, the "Catacombs" remoteness. What one had to admire was the orchestral playing as such, above all of the wind sections. The brass produce a splendid, firm, ringing sound, and the woodwind chording has an uncommon sweetness, the result of perfect balance and perfect intonation. One passage for clarinets and bassoons sounded so silky that I momentarily thought strings had been added.

Possibly this corporate excellence is not matched by individual distinction; possibly it even precludes it. Certainly there was no piece of solo wind playing that quickened the pulse. Some of the string playing nearly did. In the first movement of Brahms No 2, that glorious cello theme showed the bloom, richness and amplitude of the cellos' tone (and the accompanying violas'); it would have shown more if phrased broadly rather than in hot little surges better suited to Tchaikovsky.

The violins too produced bright, pure, warm tone in the Brahms; and the performance as a whole, if marred by inept touches of rhetoric, had more vitality. The orchestra and Mr Ormandy, alike 75 this season, have plenty of life in them yet.

The Loner
Yorkshire

Alan Coren

It may reliably be surmised that if Oscar Wilde were to reappear among us in the full flower of his genius, he would be offered his own television series. It would be called *The Unspeakables* or *The Uneatables*, or some such, and each week 10 million viewers would find him at loggerheads with landladies, meter attendants, borough surveyors, milkmen, and the people at No 43.

He would not, of course, be allowed to write the scripts himself. The head of the television company would have explained, over lunch at the Mirabelle, that though everybody in the business thought Oscar's stuff was a knockout, it wasn't what they in the trade called a vehicle.

Most vehicles for British wits have ended up as hearses. Numberless are the miles of celluloid, junked now on unknown shelves, containing the worst of British comic genius, made by film television companies who had seen the best and thought they could expand it, produce it, develop it, bottle it: all they did was kill it. Watch Max Miller movies. Sid Fields movies. Arthur Askey movies: one might as well be watching Ulanova attempting an entrechat in diving boots.

I have always been ready to number Les Dawson among the comic greats: twin heir to Norman Evans and James Joyce, his baroque surreal gags have more than once threshed uncontrollably, lungs on the blink and eyes awash. He uses language to recreate his private comic universe; but it is *his* language, and on Wednesday he had only Alan Plater's at his disposal, and it wasn't enough. Mr Plater is a good playwright, but Mr Dawson is his own man: as an actor of donative lines, he does not expand, he contracts.

In *The Loner* he became just a little man enmeshed in an inimical System, and we have all been there before. Whereas Les Dawson's true strength is to take us where we haven't been before.

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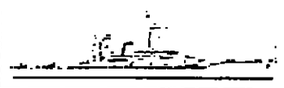

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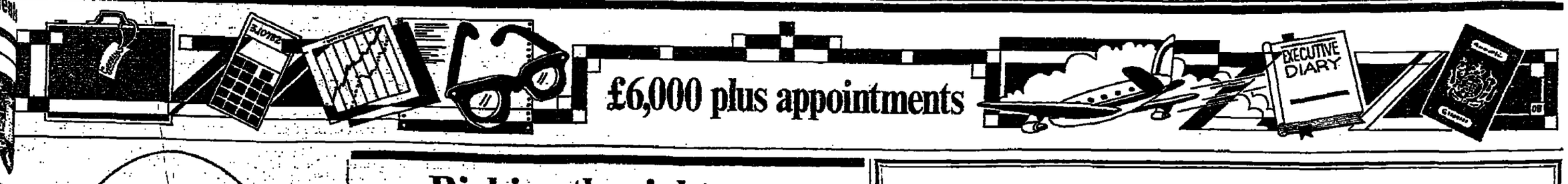

Picking the right man for the job

An eminent American psychologist once surprised audiences throughout the United States with what he described as the best possible method of selecting management recruits ever devised.

The system was quite simple. A prospective employee simply gathered together all candidates who reached the minimum criteria demanded for the post—and then threw dice to find the lucky recruit.

He would then go on to justify this random selection technique with typically succinct American candour, saying simply: "Dice ain't got no hang-ups."

It would be hard to imagine even today's super-school of management assessors disputing a statement like that. And besides, the philosophy behind it *still* makes a good deal of sense.

The lecturers contention was that for all the advantages of putting recruits through larger and larger assessment mills there were often just as many, if not more disadvantages.

Most of the disadvantages he was referring to presumably occurred as a result of the bias of the assessors themselves, be it conscious or unconscious.

But often the assessment process itself was at fault, being too traditional or too rigid, for adaptation to a specific job situation at a specific time.

Working on the premise that over a length of time random numbers occur with similar regularity, the psychologist was presumably suggesting that by traditional techniques employers were making the wrong selections more often than not.

What is undoubtedly true is that an astonishingly large number of managers are actually seen to fail in specific organizational roles while many others may be running close to the margin.

Companies who use the best executive search consultants available are still bewildered to find themselves taking on managers and executives incapable of delivering the goods.

It is true of course that even the best search professionals are capable of making mistakes, but they would hotly deny that their performance could be improved by shooting dice or flipping coins.

One of the leading groups in this field has now in fact suggested that failures which do occur after executive search are invariably the result of misunderstandings on the part of commissioning companies.

In a newly published guide for employers* Korn/Ferry International takes a surprisingly defensive attitude in suggesting that many business managements employ search consultants without *giving sufficient thought* to their requirements.

The employers, the group says, have often given little considerations to the following points: the reasons why a search engagement becomes necessary; the questions management should raise before launching a search; what the management can do to optimize the search investment.

"Because management has not pondered these questions", it says, "search fees are often wasted, many assignments last too long or fail, or able men are attracted to positions in which they cannot succeed".

In an interesting assessment of the whole sphere of management recruitment, the group lists several reasons for using executive search but declares that companies must often ask themselves some potentially embarrassing questions before calling the experts.

For instance, the guide states that many companies turn to search organizations when an executive fails in his role. "Frequently the search is initiated without examining the reasons for failure with the result that the successor also fails."

It then lists a number of questions the employers must ask themselves: Did the incumbent lack essential technical qualifications? Was there a human chemistry problem? Was his span of control too big or was he given sufficient time to demonstrate his abilities?

If a gap is suddenly created through death, early retirement or even because a key executive suddenly becomes bored, the guide claims that again search techniques are indicated. But again some soul-searching is required initially.

For instance: Are our manpower planning and *management development* programmes working? Could we have avoided the cost of a search if we had undertaken an audit of our management skills on a company-wide basis? Or even, should a succession plan covering all the critical management functions in the company be developed.

The guide goes on to list a whole range of other reasons as to why companies could need recruits from outside.

But in every case it says critical self-appraisement on behalf of the commissioning management is a crucial factor.

Another alternative, of course, might be to invest in a craps table.

* *How to get the best results from Executive Search*; Korn/Ferry International.

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Israel's inner conflict over a lasting peace

Since the interruption of Dr Kissinger's Jerusalem-Aswan shuttle service on March 23, the idea of a resumption of the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference at foreign minister level has been widely canvassed. The Russians and Syrians had been pressing for it for some time. The Egyptians officially called for it as soon as Dr Kissinger went home. Both Dr Kissinger himself and the Israeli government, however, have tended to speak of the conference as if it were a necessary evil to be postponed or avoided as long as possible.

This contrasts with the lyrical terms in which Dr Kissinger welcomed the conference's opening in December 1973, and which were echoed in a slightly more cautious tone by Mr Abba Eban, then Israel's Minister for Foreign Affairs. It was clear that both men at that time considered it an important achievement to have brought the Arabs face to face with Israel in a peace conference—something which had been an objective of Israeli diplomacy for many years. Yet, curiously, it is Dr Kissinger and the Israeli government who have since then become the main advocates of indirect bilateral negotiations and interim arrangements rather than an attempt to achieve a comprehensive and lasting peace settlement.

Mr Rabin: 'Greater concessions can be made'.

The reasons for this change of tactic are well known. Both Dr Kissinger and Mr Rabin are suspicious of the intentions of the Soviet co-chairman of the Geneva Conference. They also believe, or believed, that some of Israel's Arab neighbours can make greater concessions in bilateral and secret talks than they would do in a forum where all the Arab "confrontation states" are present. And Mr Rabin is particularly anxious to postpone as long as possible any negotiations on the Palestinian issue, and above all to avoid any meeting (other than "on the battlefield") with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

It should not be supposed, however, that this attitude is universally shared in Israel. Mr Eban himself, for one, is not ashamed of his role in the creation of the Geneva Conference. On his recent visits to Washington and London he let it be clearly known that he had always been sceptical about the chances of another partial agreement with Egypt and that he still regarded Geneva as an opportunity to be cultivated rather than shunned.

Nor is he afraid of any role that the Soviet Union might play at Geneva for, although disturbed by the Soviet role in the arms race and their tendency to be one-sided in public debates between the Arab states, he is sincere in recognizing the legitimacy of Israel and of her pre-1967 frontiers.

Moreover, he regards the "focus" of the conflict as being not Egypt, but the West Bank and the Palestinian Arabs; and he believes Israel should formulate its attitude on this issue more positively.

Another recent visitor to London was Mr Meir Pa'il, the parliamentary representative of a small group called Moked (Israel Socialist Party). He has given himself the ambitious task of "rebuilding left-Zionism and the Socialist ideas which have been liquidated by the Labour Party and Mapam". He is himself a former member of Mapam, the party which at present forms the left wing of Israel's governing coalition, but which he hopes may decide to leave the Labour alignment when it holds its party congress in November. He would like to attract at least a part of Mapam into a new left-wing alliance which would also include Mr Aryeh Eliav, the former General Secretary of the Labour Party, who has now left it for essentially dovetish reasons, and the Civil Rights group led by Mrs Shulamit Aloni.

Mr Pa'il brought with him copies of a "programme for an Israeli peace offensive" adopted by his party on April 6 and "aimed at bringing our Arab adversaries to a political confrontation". Its central theme is that Israel should publicly declare her willingness "to evacuate *the* occupied territories (my italics) in exchange for peace agreements with the relevant Arab factors and for a de-militarization of the evacuated territories".

This should be carried out stage-by-stage, under either United Nations or joint Israeli-Arab supervision. Sinai, for instance, could be evacuated "in two or three stages together with the signing of interim agreements". Likewise, the Golan Heights "in exchange for a peace agreement with Syria and the de-militarization of the Horan region" and the Gaza Strip and West Bank, "including part of East Jerusalem, while maintaining the municipal unity of the city", in exchange for a peace agreement between Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian state (to be established in the evacuated territories) "and for the de-militarization of these territories, ie, the evacuation of attacking armed forces".

For this purpose Israel would be willing "to negotiate with any authoritative Palestinian representation and will not veto such representation if PLO representatives are included in it".

Arguments for a different Israel attitude to the PLO were also put forward by five prominent Israel "doves" in a symposium held last November on the theme "Israel and Palestine—a different Israeli view", the text of which has now been released for publication. One of them, Amos Keinan, argues that the Rabat conference—at which the Arabs designated the PLO as the beneficiary of any Israeli evacuation of the West Bank—constituted "an enormous and decisive step . . . towards a political solution" since it means that the Palestinians will be involved in and committed by any settlement between Israel and the Arab states, and thus will not serve as a pretext for prolonging the conflict after Israel has fulfilled her obligations under such a settlement.

All the speakers agree with Meir Pa'il in recognizing a right of self-determination in Palestine for the Palestinians, but claiming an identical right for Jews or for Israelis; and all agree that these conflicting rights can be reconciled in practice only by a partition corresponding roughly to the frontiers of Israel between 1949 and 1967—ie, leaving the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a Palestinian state.

They admit that the PLO has not yet accepted this situation in principle, but argue that the Israel Government has adopted a policy which makes it almost impossible for the PLO to do so. In the words of Major-General Matitiahu Peled (the former head of the General Staff Quartermaster's Branch, who is now head of the Arabic Faculty at Tel Aviv University) "the more extremist and obdurate are the Israeli declarations, the more remote will be the prospects of a measure of realism emerging in the political formulae of the PLO".

Edward Mortimer

Why I believe that the Utopian dream of a United Europe has collapsed

William Pickles, former Reader in political science at the University of London, describes why he will vote "No" in the referendum.

The classic economic and political objections to British membership of the EEC will no doubt be set out in this series by others more competent than I. I have always shared those objections, but to them I have always added others that may prove in the end to be more fundamental.

When I first encountered the idea of closer European co-operation, in the French underground papers that it was my duty to read during the last war, my instinct, as a lifelong internationalist and one who owed an incalculable debt to what he had learned from other countries, was one of sympathy. My change of mind came from the opportunities I had to study the "European idea" at close quarters, as an interpreter for the Socialist International and the bodies that preceded it, a teacher of politics, and a broadcaster who was enabled to attend the "Congress of Europe" of May, 1948, and then the Council of Europe, as well as visiting the offices of the Coal-Steel Pool and—more frequently—of the EEC.

The many friends I made there and the arguments I had with them served only to strengthen a growing conviction that the whole operation was misconceived.

The intellectual ancestors of the Community are the *philosophes* of the French eighteenth century, who believed they were about to discover the unchangeable rules of political life, and would be able to re-make men and nations in whatever ways they chose. The founders of the Community decided to manufacture a new political unit, akin to a nation but on a continental scale, with all the advantages that fashion then attributed to bigness for its own sake.

They were going to "make Europe"—their own expression—as, in the simpler world of a century and half earlier, the men of the 13 States of New England, with their common language and common legal and political traditions, had made the United States.

They planned, in a great deal more than outline, the economic, political and juridical future of six fully developed countries, with four different languages, different political systems, different economic structures and interests and different habits of thought, all deeply rooted in different historical and geographical imperatives.

The final goal was left undetermined, because some wanted a federation and others various looser forms of union, or even only "unity", which they saw, like Briand in 1929, *as something less than* "union". But the institutions and their powers, the scale and time-table of tariff reductions, the basic rule of artificially regulated "free" competition (itself a contradiction in terms) and the safeguards dictated by mutual suspicions and jealousies were all fixed. Some of the detail was left to experiment, but the goal and the general road to it were commitments, enshrined in the holy writ of three "original treaties". For the original six that commitment still stands, as their spokesmen have pointed out on many occasions.

That is what so few of the British have ever understood. We can understand commitment to a principle or a code of morals, but the litter of abandoned plans that bestrew every political landscape is proof to us that technique *must* be at best pragmatic, and more often empirical. The perfect English lawgiver is, as Macauley so beautifully said, "a just temper between the mere man of theory, who can see nothing but general principles, and the mere man of business, who can see nothing but particular circumstances."

There is no "just temper" in an attempt to turn a political decision into an act of religious faith, as the "Europeans" so frequently describe it, or in committing all that one has to a "journey to an unknown destination", as Andrew Shonfield so accurately but astonishingly sees it—that is nonsense to the ear of any experienced British politician.

It is because of that native cast of mind that, at the very beginning, the British Labour Government believed that our Ambassador must have misunderstood was M Schuman was proposing when, in 1950, he asked for an advance commitment to the principle of the Coal-Steel plan, of which none of the implications was visible, and it was because he *did* understand what was involved that Winston Churchill in turn rejected the plan when he returned to power in 1951.

It is because they still don't understand it that so many of our ministers and high civil servants have assumed that they could take us in (in two senses), and then remould the thing nearer to a British heart's desire. They saw it and still see it as an infinitely flexible experiment in international co-operation, instead of the collection of minor experiments within an inflexible commitment, which it is and has always been.

Circumstances have, of course, imposed some unintended changes. Since the 1948-58 period, when the dream was translated into legal obligations, the whole situation within and around the six countries has changed. Fears of imminent Russian assault, of reviving German imperialism and of an eternity of post-war poverty have receded.

The great-power mentality, still alive then, at least in the unconscious assumptions of all of us, has given way to more realism, though the realism is sadly mixed with third-force imaginings. The Utopian dream of a "united" Community has collapsed under the weight of six and now nine nationalisms, as some journalist or statesman of the original six complains every day.

More pragmatic leaders have emerged in the two dominant countries. But the Holy Writ is intact: not a syllable of the essential parts of the three treaties has been changed by the "transitional arrangements" (M Giscard d'Estaing's words) conceded in what Mr David Wood has joined his continental colleagues in describing as the "charade" of "fundamental re-negotiation". Most important of all, the present interpreters of the Writ are mortal, both politically and biologically, and none can tell how their successors will read and wield their powers.

Mr Wilson, and perhaps even more so, Mr Callaghan, have been seduced by the Foreign Office dream of converting the Utopian anachronism I have just described into an instrument of British policy, and in some minds that futile arrogance has become an alibi for failure to solve our very real home problems. But it will not and cannot work. For what Mr Wilson sees as a sane drift to pragmatism his partners and some of his Ministers see as a betrayal of commitments—of what Mr Wilson has called "theology". If we stay in we shall either surrender to a conception of politics that is, in the most respectable and literal sense of the term, foreign to us or we shall become a major irritant, neither speaking the same language nor going the same road as the others. In either case, the group as a whole will go on, perpetually introspective, minding its internal business to the exclusion of too many other preoccupations, and, like a neurotic adolescent, perpetually seeking the "identity" which it tried and failed to find at Copenhagen in 1973, while others try to cope with the real and pressing problems of the world, and our own people ask themselves why on earth they allowed themselves to be persuaded to pay so much for so little.

William Pickles

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Lazy nights of wine and politics at the Coningsby Club

I performed a physical feat which I suspect has never been surpassed, by tearing a bowler hat in half

Exactly 20 years ago I ceased to be chairman of the Coningsby Club. I have never enjoyed an office more. The club was and is a dining club for Conservatives from Oxford and Cambridge. We met approximately once a month, dining usually at the House of Commons. An older tradition, dating back to the club's foundation after the 1914-18 war of dining at Disraeli's round table at the Junior Carlton Club, was broken, in my time because of the extreme difficulty of persuading distinguished ministers to accept and actually fulfil an engagement so far from the division bell. Unlike Mohammed we went to the mountain.

Our mutual interest was primarily, though not exclusively, political. We also liked to enjoy ourselves, and the consumption of alcohol, sometimes in very large quantities, in conjugal company contrived to ensure that we did so, on occasion a little extravagantly. The fact that, during my chairmanship, the club was addressed by Sir Anthony Eden, Mr Harold Macmillan, Montgomery, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, Sir Vincent Tewson (then General Secretary of the TUC) and almost every Cabinet minister of note shows that we were taken seriously. I do not think that we suffered from the, not uncommon, fault of young men of taking ourselves too seriously.

One of our more important *dinners in 1953* led, I believe, to the setting up of the Wolfenden Committee on Homosexual Law Reform a year later. Our guest was Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, then Home Secretary, a man of unique kindness and of blessed innocence. In his distinctive Scottish accent he referred to pairvairts (who sounded both more wicked and sinister than perverts) and proseletizers, claiming that he had never actually met a homosexual. This claim proved too much to contain Bob Boothby who earthily interrupted "Come off it, David, there are two in the present Cabinet". I do not think that homosexuality, or for that matter any form of sex, had ever previously been discussed at a political gathering.

I remember a dinner addressed by Dr Herbert Blankenhorn, then head of the Political Department of the German Foreign Office, who was subsequently to become German Ambassador in Paris, London and Rome. In 1954 there was still a high degree of anti-German feeling in Britain; many members boycotted the dinner which was nevertheless packed by other members and their guests. Blankenhorn spoke from a carefully written and guarded text, not departing from it by one single word. Afterwards Hugh Fraser came up to him, and with cool insolence delivered the devastating comment. "I came expecting to meet Talleyrand. In fact I have met Fouché".

This was not the only moment of delicacy during my chairmanship when some form of restraint on the part of the committee members, who at full dinners of the club might wish to speak in order to contribute to the discussion and impress the visiting Cabinet minister, a felicitously compatible combination of motives. I can only recall one committee dinner when nobody could actually remember the following day whether a particular person had been elected or blackballed.

It was after one of these committee dinners that I drove Peter Goldman home to Hendon where he was, at the time, living with his mother. This was in the halcyon days before the breathalyser had been invented—or perhaps, it would be more acceptable for me to say that the direct causal link between reckless driving and the amount of alcohol in the bloodstream had not been firmly established. When I met Peter's mother, I kissed her on both cheeks 12 times. This tribute, if it may be so described, was preceded by an unfortunate lunge in which I missed her altogether. This stoic lady received this demonstration of affection from a complete stranger with a fortitude which is still memorable. She only demurred when I attempted afterwards to rub her down with an oily rag, which turned out to be my pocket handkerchief.

At the final committee dinner before I relinquished the chairmanship I bought champagne for all who were present. My habitual state of impoverishment had been temporarily alleviated by a series of broadcasts which I had recently made, and for which I had received payment that morning. The committee dined round Disraeli's table at the Junior Carlton Club, since no Cabinet ministers were expected nor, indeed, would they have been welcomed. At half past twelve when we were turned out of the club it seemed to some of us to be very early indeed. Michael Fraser (now Lord Fraser and Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party), Peter Hodgens (now a director-general at Strasbourg), a present Member of Parliament whom I will not name, and I hailed a taxi to go to a night club called Eve. Peter Hodgens and I had an argument in the taxi, and I performed a physical feat which I suspect has never been surpassed, by tearing his bowler hat in half.

In February 1955 Harold Macmillan addressed the Conservative dinner. William Rees-Mogg and I decided to go to the Carlton Club for a drink. Macmillan offered us a lift in his car, and at the last minute he said "I think I will come in and join you". We were perturbed because of rumours, which we had heard, that Sir Winston Churchill intended to lead the party into the next election. At this point, a note of steel entered Macmillan's voice and he said that he and some of his colleagues were determined that this should not happen. Thus we learned that an ultimatum had been delivered and received, and later, as we saw, was acted upon.

I am no longer a member of the Coningsby Club. My resignation was asked for and given when I joined the Labour Party in 1970. I still possess a silver cigarette box inscribed with the simple words "Humphry Berkeley. the Coningsby Club 1952-1955". It is a gift which I greatly treasure. I was chairman of the club for three years. The normal term was only one year. I persuaded my colleagues and myself that I was indispensable. But after 20 years, I must confess the truth; I could not bear to give up. I hope that in the 20 years which have elapsed since then, the conduct of the officers of the club is not entirely serious, all the time.

Humphry Berkeley

US loses its gilt in Berlin

If there is one place where the fall of Saigon ought to have repercussions it is West Germany. American administrations have littered the past ten years with statements suggesting that the Vietnam war was a test of America's will to defend her allies everywhere. They extended the domino theory from Saigon to Berlin.

If Germans now decide to believe these statements the effects on Europe could be devastating. A West Germany which lost faith in the United States would have to decide whether to develop its own nuclear weapons, to revive a west European defence community, or to seek reinsurance with Moscow. Any of these options would mark a profound change of policy.

On a brief visit to Germany I could find no evidence that anything so dramatic is about to take place. The reaction to the fall of Saigon has been relatively calm. There is troubled sadness, and concern about the split between Congress and the administration. There is little praise for the way in which President Ford handled the squalid ending of the affair. But there is some relief that a running sore in the alliance has been removed. The dominant feeling among politicians is that the western alliance must now be consolidated, and the Americans persuaded that their real interests and best allies are in Europe, bound by strategic and economic interests and cultural affinity.

On the other hand, the papers run worried articles on the future of American foreign policy. Conservatives express doubts, as they always have done, about democracy's ability to survive. A liberal paper says that America is "not yet bankrupt". The big news magazine *Der Spiegel* has a cover showing the Statue of Liberty with her arm in a sling. It asks in bold lettering whether America can still be relied upon and replies with a catalogue of American failures—though it concludes that Europe has no alternative but to trust America.

There is no doubt that American prestige in West Germany has declined a great deal. In the postwar period most West Germans regarded the United States as the great good place, the magnanimous victor whose Marshall Aid raised them from the ruins and whose prosperity and freedom contrasted sharply with grey horrors of Stalinist eastern Europe.

Now the gilt has worn off the American image and the guilt off the German self-image. "America has failed", said a young German. "It is now up to Europe to develop capitalism with a human face and to renew faith in the liberal democratic values from which America originally drew its inspiration."

A young politician said that Europe must prepare for the inevitable American withdrawal. A group of politically active young people said that, while they did not expect German reunification in their lifetime, if it did come it was unfortunately more likely to be under communist than western auspices.

Even in the past 12 months the number of Germans who regard America as their most important friend has dropped from 62 to 49 per cent, according to an opinion poll, while it has not gone unnoticed that American pollsters recently reported that only 39 per cent of Americans wanted to help defend Europe against a Soviet attack.

But none of this is a result of the fall of Saigon. It started much earlier. Of course, if the United States had succeeded in creating a stable and reasonably respectable state in South Vietnam it would have enhanced American prestige. To that extent failure in Vietnam has been damaging. But the war itself was at least as damaging as the failure. It helped to radicalize the student movement. It linked the United States in people's minds with a corrupt and cruel regime and the savage bombing of peasant communities. It diverted attention and resources from Europe and demoralized American forces. It helped to undermine confidence in American values and American judgment.

Hence the end of the war could have an effect in Europe quite the reverse of that prophesied by the domino theorists. If the United States emerges from the ruins with a more realistic view of its power, a clearer perception of its priorities, and a more sensitive understanding of the values and traditions of other cultures it could find its position in Europe growing stronger. Likewise, if Europeans are ready, like the West German Government, to pledge their support for the alliance they could find Congress growing readier to support them.

Whether this will happen is another matter. Vietnam is not the only factor. But the end of the war does provide an opportunity.

Richard Davy

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The Times Diary

Short odds and big cigars

Michael Leapman did not leave Jamaica without going to the races:

Kingston's racetrack is at Caymanas Park, a few miles outside the city. It is a dirt track, just over a mile round, designed on the lines of racecourses in the United States. But it lacks the elegant landscaping—the ducks swimming in green-edged ponds—of American courses. The grass in the middle is unkempt and brown, perhaps because of the recent drought.

The horses are reasonably good thoroughbreds, some related to horses racing in Britain. The favourites start at very short prices and generally win. In one race I saw there were eight runners, and the winner started at five-to-one on.

Thinking to take advantage of the conference by backing horses whose names were connected with it, I backed Lucky Jim in the first, in honour of the Foreign Secretary. Although he showed up well early on, he soon faded and was beaten out of third place by Big Daddy, who is not even attending the conference.

In the most expensive section sat a number of Jamaicans of the upper class and a few non-Jamaicans. There are big money bets and much loose talk of races being fixed. A fat American with a fashionable moustache and tight jeans sucked a cigar and told a friend: "I had a good winter at Gulfstream and Hialeah (two courses in Florida) and I'm going to Saratoga for August."

In the cheaper section the talk is of different matters. With winners being returned at short prices there is little chance of making a fortune though doubles and forecast bets *are popular. When they* can afford it the racegoers buy meat patties or small plates of goat curry or salt fish with peppers. On the way out if they still have money left to gamble with they can lose it to the men and women who operate a dice game on small folding tables outside the gates.

At issue

Toilet tissue has stimulated civil servants to indignation. When not engaged in titanic struggles between left and right for control of their executive delegates at the Civil & Public Services Association conference in Margate this week have been getting heated about the relative merits of the soft and hard varieties.

The union wants soft, but the Civil Service Department opt for hard on the grounds of hygiene, cost and the fact that soft rolls are bulkier and take up too much storage space.

"It's a serious subject", said Terry Ainsworth, the CPSA assistant secretary responsible for welfare matters. "There is no doubt it is a hangover from the days of Civil Service austerity."

The dispute, nicknamed with clerical humour "the Wider Tissues Review", will probably be solved by appeal to an independent third party. The British *Standards Institute is conducting* research into "an intermediate paper" for use in Government offices in an attempt to effect a compromise.

Sitting target

Coutts the bankers have turned their City branch in Lombard Street into a temporary art gallery for the London Portrait Group, a portraitists' co-partnership which is a customer of theirs.

They said that the majority of guests at the preview of the group's exhibition would be "from the higher echelons of the City, the Arts etc". Whoever they were, they made the gold-carpeted banking foyer uncomfortably hot and the opening speeches largely inaudible.

The only person at the party with his picture on show was David Money-Coutts, a director of the bank who had been done by two of the artists in return for the firm's help in staging the exhibition. One picture made him look ten years younger, and the other, which he preferred, he thought "a little forbidding". The artists had shared a single sitting of two hours, though, and he had been able to work through it, so that it had been "pretty painless."

Money-Coutts said he thought it was right that boardroom portraits should be allowed against tax. "It is part of the firm's public relations. The total revenue lost to the Government over a year might be no more than £100,000 and really it is a question of whether the nation is to go on having a soul or not. If business cannot patronize the arts, who will?"

David Hankinson, the painter who organizes the group, said they were hoping for worthwhile introductions as a result of the show. "but as wealth is redistributed we should be looking more towards people who have not traditionally commissioned portraits. Our next exhibition should really be at Transport House or somewhere like that".

Animated

Some 200 animal lovers packed the Regent suite at the Charing Cross Hotel yesterday to attend the 160th annual public meeting of the National Anti-Vivisection Society. In the heat of the curtained room passions were roused, at one point to hissing level when Angus Maude revealed that three years ago a doctor had told him that beagles enjoyed smoking because they became hooked on it.

Not everybody in Charing Cross yesterday had strong views on vivisection, partly because not everybody knows what vivisection is. Just before the conference, two out of four people questioned in the station confessed that they did not.

A woman from Folkestone up for the day on a shopping trip, said she did not know anything about vivisection but hoped it had nothing to do with politics.

And then, prompted, she said: "You've got to have these things, but all the same, I do not like it. Animals have feelings the same as we have."

On the other hand, a woman spiritualist from Crystal Palace knew all about vivisection, and was dead against it. She said that she had offered her own body for medical research, and added that the medical people would be able to work on it for two years before they buried her.

The meeting itself was orderly and sensible. Those who attended wanted research into viable alternatives to experiments on animals and there was strong support for Baroness Phillips, whose Bill to ban the use of animals in the manufacture and testing of cosmetics is to have its second reading in the House of Lords on June 27. They adjourned to a vegetarian tea.

Special

A gastronomic Sussex vicar has invented a dish to rival tripe and onions and fish and chips. The recipe he hopes will win him a place in the halls of culinary fame is spaghetti and cockles.

The Rev Watkin Marsden-Jones, vicar of Bosham, the south coast yachting centre where King Canute is said to have defied the waves, expects the dish to be as popular among his parishioners as the sea spinach he has been urging them to try.

Now he suggests in his parish magazine they go down to the harbour and collect a bucketful of cockles from the mud and "sprinkle a fistful or two over a dish of spaghetti".

Says the vicar: "The Bosham cockle grows to renowned proportions and flavour in the harbour mud. Sprinkle them over a dish of spaghetti with some Italian peeled tomatoes made into a thick sauce and, if you like, some grated cheese. Delicious."

The vicar knows where to find the cockles but tells his parishioners that unless they are very familiar with the saltings "it is best to seek the advice of one of our more informed choirboys who for a consideration would doubtless supply your needs to the extent of a medium size bucketful for 50p".

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THIRTY YEARS ON

One of the most obvious ways in which Britain is separated from continental Europe is in her experience of the Second World War. Britain was not invaded, occupied or defeated. She never had to face the moral dilemmas, self-examination and humiliation which these experiences bring. She retained a core of political virginity which still sets her apart from those who were violated.

This difference is even more acute in relations with the Soviet Union and eastern Europe. Many Britons can remember the war in terms of the camaraderie of the blitz, the duel in the desert, or the victorious sweep across Europe. They can make up games about Colditz or "Dad's Army". For the Russians the war meant twenty million dead, immense physical destruction, near defeat, and the humiliating knowledge that they were destined to be the slaves of the master race. For East Europeans it meant many different things, but in the end it meant domination by the Soviet Union.

An effort of the imagination is therefore required to understand the speeches and ceremonies which are now being held on such a grandiose scale in the Soviet sphere. Undoubtedly some genuine emotion is involved among the older generation, though it will not always accord with the official line. Poles will remember the Soviet as well as the German invasion. Czechs and Slovaks will remember not only the liberation of 1945 but the occupation of 1968. Many East Germans will remember defeat as well as "victory over fascism".

The main aim of the celebrations is, however, not to arouse memories but to influence contemporary politics. Within the Soviet Union itself the war has long been used as a means of uniting the nation and reminding youth of the sacrifices of its fathers. Universal conscription is still regarded as an educational as well as a military necessity. The physical destruction of so much of the country is still used to explain current shortcomings.

In a wider context the Soviet Union has special reasons for emphasizing the celebrations this year. It needs to remind itself, its allies and its opponents of its military strength and the superiority of its system. It needs to persuade its reluctant allies in eastern Europe that they are on the winning side in world history. More specifically it wants to set the stage for the climax to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe at which thirty-five nations of east and west are supposed to set a seal on the present boundaries and political divisions of Europe.

The Russians have long seen this conference as a substitute for the peace conference which was never held. For this reason they have been unusually willing this year to acknowledge that the western allies played some role in defeating Hitler. This fits in with their desire that everyone, especially the great powers, should guarantee the status quo in Europe and the division of Germany. It also fits in with their general line that communist parties should be willing to join with other left-wing forces in opposing "fascism" or its descendants.

Mr Brezhnev made clear the contemporary significance which he attaches to the celebrations when he said yesterday that different social systems had been no bar to pooling efforts during the war, when "we cooperated with each other, and did so fairly well, in order to end the war in the shortest possible time. We are now tackling another equally important and perhaps more complicated task—that of arranging cooperation in order to prevent another world-wide disaster."

No sane person in the west would deny the need to cooperate with the Soviet Union in seeking ways of reducing tension and avoiding war. Nor is there any need to doubt that the Soviet Union is sincere in wishing to avoid another war. Indeed, the horror with which she remembers the Second World War is one reason why she is still so acutely concerned with physical security now, to the detriment of disarmament negotiations.

Where many westerners would differ is in their view of the present situation in Europe and the meaning of détente and security. The present security system has, it is true, averted war for thirty years. But Europe is still artificially divided. The governments of eastern Europe make only slow progress towards winning the confidence of their people. Huge armies confront each other across the middle of Germany.

Celebrations can at best be muted. Progress towards creating a more secure and humane basis for European peace requires much more than ceremonial declarations. It requires a great deal of careful negotiation on ways of reducing military, ideological and political tension. If memories of the war can help people to think seriously about these problems they are useful. If they are used to distort history or to promote the prestige of the Soviet Union they will tend to obscure present realities.

THE GUILLOTINE COMES DOWN

The guillotine has become a necessary instrument of parliamentary control under modern conditions, but there are always misgivings when it is introduced. Those misgivings are all the greater when it is used to stifle discussion of the most contentious clauses of a highly controversial Bill. That is precisely the case now with the guillotine to be imposed on the Industry Bill. This is the most disputed legislation of the present session partly because it is associated with the name of Mr Benn, partly because so much political capital has been made out of its presentation, but also because it seeks to extend the law in some of the most sensitive areas of industrial action. Even if the purposes of the Bill were deemed to be wholly benign, it would be a miracle if all the details had been drafted in the most appropriate fashion at the first time of asking. Yet this is a measure whose effect will be determined largely by these very details. If ever there was a Bill that needed close scrutiny in committee this is it.

There still remain to be considered over a hundred amendments, ten new clauses and four new schedules, so that a good deal of work has yet to be done on the Bill. Moreover, the most contentious clauses are those on the disclosure of information which have only now been reached. There is no disagreement between industry and the Government on the desirability of disclosing as much information as possible to employees as a good management practice. But what industry favours is a voluntary procedure, saying that compulsion would lead companies to proffer only the absolute legal minimum of information and would involve the risk of commercial secrets being circulated to competitors or even foreign powers.

In the White Paper published last summer it was indicated that information would be required from companies only where a planning agreement was being negotiated. The Bill as now drafted is not so restrained: disclosure would be compulsory in all cases. The Prime Minister has said that where there is conflict between the White Paper and the Bill it is the White Paper that should prevail. But that is hardly satisfactory. The most careful attention needs to be given to the terms on which companies are to be compelled to give this information and to the appeals procedure for those who wish to be granted exemption from these provisions.

Why then has the Government seen fit to impose the guillotine in such inappropriate circumstances? The first and most obvious reason is that the legislative programme has become overcrowded. In determining how many Bills could be passed this session the parliamentary managers seem to have taken little or no account of the fact that an extra Budget in November required an extra Finance Bill and the commitment to a referendum on the EEC within a year of the general election required a Referendum Bill this session as well. Perhaps they may even have in mind the need to clear the decks for another Finance Bill after, say, a July Budget? The second reason for hurrying the Industry Bill on to the statute book is that until it is there the Government has no legislative authority for nationalizing British Leyland. It would be embarrassing if a separate Bill were needed for that. But the Government's embarrassment is not sufficient reason for denying proper scrutiny to a measure as complex as the Industry Bill.

THE BEDSIDE STATUTE BOOK

Sir David Renton's committee, which has just reported in the interests of simplicity and clarity in the statute book, notes that criticism of the kind which made its work necessary has been voiced since the fifteenth century. The committee therefore takes a suitably modest view of the results to be expected from its own labours. If a complaint has been running well for five-hundred years it is not likely to be winded at this stage, especially since the two most conspicuous features of present-day legislation, its volume and its complexity, positively reinforce the grounds for complaint.

It seems reasonable enough to ask that legislation in its finished form should be both readily intelligible and certain in its effect. The impediment to that union is the incompatibility of the two requirements. Law has to be precise, but, except in special contexts such as the parade ground, public language is not by nature precise. It is not normally free from ambiguity, proof against misconstruction, exhaustive in its reference, or unerring in its application. Its true aim is the target area, not the bull's-eye. Conversation would be infinitely tedious if it were otherwise.

To purge language of its natural fuzziness calls for a process, not of simplification, but of elaboration. Vocabulary and syntax become strained and convoluted, until there is achieved something which almost ceases to be language and is better described as linguistic formulation, like the celebrated footnote to Part II of Schedule One of the National Insurance Act, 1946:

> For the purpose of this Part of the Schedule a person over pensionable age, not being an insured person, shall be treated as an employed person if he would be an insured person were he under pensionable age and would be an employed person were he an insured person.

A literary abomination, that is also a masterpiece of the draftsman's art—concise, logically elegant, and rat-proof, even if impenetrable—save by an Intelligent Quotient of 150.

The dilemma is that while the law is asked to be both intelligibly written and certain in its effect, for most of its subject matter the more readily intelligible the language in which it is expressed the less certain will its construction be in the indefinitely various circumstances to which it is intended to apply. There being no escape from that dilemma, Sir David Renton's committee could only suggest improvements at the margin, of which it offers many. They include a preference for shorter sentences, putting principles at the front of a statute and details at the back, less legislation by reference to other legislation, more consolidation, more draftsmen, and sympathy with the Continental habit of legislating in a more generalized way. The Brussels law machine will presumably familiarize us with that way of proceeding.

The committee also broke loose from its terms of reference for a moment to have a dig in the direction which really counts: it is vain to expect improvement in the technical quality of legislation so long as Parliament churns the stuff out at an accelerating velocity—presently 2,250 pages of statute book per annum.

While we wait without hope for the day when the flood will abate, the opportunity is presented by the publication of this report to aggravate the mischief by (how else?) legislation.

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Britain and Sinai

From Sir John Richmond

Sir, The Director of the *Jewish Chronicle* (April 18) concedes my right to have questioned Colonel Meinertzhagen's political judgment when (April 9), I protested against your publication of Mr Eric Marsden's article. He could hardly do less.

However, Mr Kessler also claims he has "demonstrated" that, in 1919, Great Britain had a real intention to annex the Sinai. His "demonstration" is based on the fact that its status was then uncertain in international law. I was not ignorant of this fact, though if I had been I doubt whether Mr Kessler's quotations, from politically motivated pronouncements made more than twenty years later, would have done much to enlighten me. But I did not base my assertion on any opinion about sovereignty over Sinai. I based it on the undisputed historical facts that, twice in the thirty years preceding 1919 (1892 and 1906), HMG had firmly asserted, against the Turkish Sultan, the rights of the Egyptian Government over the peninsula south of a line from Al Arish to the head of the Gulf of Aqaba.

Governments do not lightheartedly reverse themselves on questions such as these, and the option recommended by Colonel Meinertzhagen was, therefore, in my opinion, closed. I still think that to suggest the contrary is unworthy of a serious newspaper; it can only serve to obfuscate the contemporary fact of Israel's obstinately prolonged occupation of what is now undoubtedly Egyptian territory.

Faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The case against import tariffs

From Mr W. M. Corden and others

Sir, In a letter published in your columns on May 5, Professors Kahn, Champerowne and Neild advocate a tariff on manufactures. They claim that "the main difference between devaluation . . . and a tariff on manufactures is that devaluation raises the price of foodstuffs and raw materials as well as manufactures, whereas a tariff raises the price of imported manufactures only."

This claim ignores the exceedingly important point that devaluation helps to make exports more competitive as well as making imports less attractive. A tariff, on the other hand, throws the whole burden on to imports, and a selective tariff of the kind they advocate would have to be imposed at a very high rate on a very limited range of imports. For it would be necessary, if their argument is to be valid at all, to ensure that the tariff did not fall on industrial inputs or on goods that entered significantly into the cost of living.

Finished manufactures of the kind required constitute at most only about a tenth of our imports and even some of these will be consumers' goods that cannot be classified as luxuries. What rate have they in mind for their proposed tariff? Savage tariffs would anyhow provoke retaliation, whereas devaluation would not. This retaliation, together with loss of efficiency, would rule out any possible gain. Your correspondents in fact concede the inadequacy of tariffs when they say that devaluation "should be used as far as it can be"—whatever that means.

Furthermore, what difference do they suppose a selective tariff together with some devaluation would make to wage inflation as compared with devaluation alone? One half of one per cent? One per cent? Or more? Your readers are entitled to know. A rise in prices held down largely by official action to 20 per cent has not stopped wages rising at 30 per cent. It is hard to believe that any little gain from selectivity would matter—even apart from retaliation. In any case, the best way to pursue selectivity while avoiding retaliation would be to raise value-added taxes on manufactures, and devote the proceeds to food subsidies. This, in fact, has already been tried, with what success we leave your readers to judge.

The Latin American argument that import controls and tariffs can significantly moderate inflation by acting on the cost of living has been amply disproved in that same continent: nor can such devices protect us from the consequences of the appalling wage inflation in this country. We do not, of course, for our part suggest that devaluation provides an easy way out. But import controls and selective tariffs are now regarded as a panacea whereas devaluation has ceased to be so—even by some who so recently pinned their faith to export-led growth.

Your correspondents do not deny the importance of controlling inflation, but they sidestep the fact that imposition of import controls would be just another element in the ostrich-like approach which tries to solve our problems by conceding massive income rises which have not been earned and by preserving jobs where there are none.

Yours faithfully,
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May 7.

Man's respect for nature

From the Dean of Windsor

Sir, Professor R. S. Scorer, in his letter of April 24, is drawing attention to a most important element in the debate about Man's responsibility for the oceans and sea bed. There is no doubt in my mind about the care and respect which should be extended to all creation.

The point at issue however is that Man—having already carved up the land space of this planet between nation states—is moving in the same direction with the remaining territory of the oceans.

In such circumstances it seems to me essential that, if there is to be an extension of rights by coastal states, these rights should be in the nature of a custodial responsibility exercised by states in the common interest of mankind and his fellow creatures on this planet.

Yours faithfully,
LAUNCELOT FLEMING,
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Windsor Castle.
May 6.

Television licences

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, His day at Ascot has encouraged Bernard Levin to remount his Hobby Horse. Unfortunately his experience has taught him little for he has set off in the wrong direction and although he may reach the winning post first he won't go home with the cup.

I occasionally get the impression that Mr Levin can write faster than he can read, and it is he, not I, who has missed the point.

In my letter (April 30) to which he refers (column, May 7) I did not intend to be much concerned about the cost of a television licence. What I tried to point out was that Governments, Post Offices and even Mr Levin himself have on occasions to draw an arbitrary line and every race has to have its starting and its finishing posts. If you get to the finishing post first you win; if you do not you lose. Even though Mr Levin may remain manfully in the saddle of Hobby Horse, catching his bumps, one cannot expect those in charge to be running up and down the course with the finishing post assuring every rider, including Mr Levin, that he has won.

Yours faithfully,
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University teachers' pay

From Professor C. Hooley and Professor E. Markland

Sir, The Professors of Science and Applied Science in this University College strongly support the points made about academic salaries by Professor Wallace in his article in *The Times today* (May 6). We are of the view that the failure of the Government to authorize a substantial increase in university teachers' remuneration would have disastrous effects on universities and, in particular, on teaching and research within them.

At present, for example, university professors are paid about £3,000 per annum less than their counterparts in the Scientific Civil Service who occupy comparable positions. This, in itself, illustrates the current difficulties universities are encountering in filling vacant chairs in certain scientific areas with people of outstanding ability. It illustrates also that any movement of high-ranking personnel between universities and other private and public sectors is likely to be entirely to the universities' detriment, unless this anomalous difference in salaries is rectified.

There is thus a danger that career prospects in the university profession will seem to be very unattractive to talented undergraduates and postgraduates. Their doubts about the wisdom of becoming university teachers will surely be confirmed by the immediate prospect that would face them on being appointed to lectureships, since the salaries currently payable to young lecturers are absurdly low in comparison with starting salaries in other professions.

Scientific research and teaching in universities make an essential contribution to the economic and intellectual life of the country. We are most concerned that this position should not be put in jeopardy by the Government's refusal to recognize the valuable work of university scientists and engineers.

Yours faithfully,
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May 6.

From Dr Anita Brookner

Sir, Since I am at present on sabbatical leave—one of the many burdens we academics have to endure, together with regular foreign travel and subsidized lecture tours to be undertaken at our own discretion—may I through your columns reassure my students that all their examination papers will be marked and their results announced by me in due course. I am not aware that Mr Laurie Sapper has any mandate to speak for me since I have not at any point either written to him, spoken to him, or indeed ever set eyes on him. I have my own ideas about the regulation of professional salaries but these run rather more along the lines of means-testing the applicants.

As a provisional statement, I should like to put on record that any student who presented me with the argument that in order to obtain gratification from one quarter he would descend to imposing sanctions in another would be blasted out of the room for uttering a non sequitur.

Yours faithfully,
ANITA BROOKNER,
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May 8.

From Professor D. R. Myddelton

Sir, University teachers who went on strike in protest against government policy have missed the point. The real issue is not what governments choose to pay state employees but whether they ought to be making the decisions at all.

In real terms state education now costs nearly four times as much as twenty years ago. But the product is not sold on the market, so it is hard to judge whether taxpayers get value for money.

Realistic tuition fees, perhaps initially financed by education vouchers or loans, would help universities to tell what student-customers want. It seems absurd, for instance, that Cranfield's 12-month MBA programme costs United Kingdom students a mere £75 tuition—less than £2 a week.

In addition, replacing academic tenure by limited contracts, at least for future appointments, would let universities adapt to changing conditions, while still giving teachers adequate security. As it is, hiring a lecturer aged 30 amounts to a 35-year contract, and involves in effect a commitment of nearly half a million pounds.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. MYDDELTON,
Cranfield School of Management,
Cranfield,
Bedford.
May 4.

Privacy of politicians

From Mrs Michael Foot

Sir, I hesitate to abuse the privilege of access to your column to continue the correspondence concerning the treatment of my husband in hospital; but in what other way can I refute the charges of hypocrisy made against him, which have not only found expression in your paper, but which also arrive daily in his postbag; particularly when the newspaper which published the most damaging of the libels has so far refused to print denials?

These are the facts:

1. Since the establishment of the health service, Mr Foot has at no time either sought or received privileged treatment in any hospital.

2. Like most other health service patients, he was admitted to his nearest local hospital.

3. The nature of his ailment was such that anyone showing the same symptom would not have been placed on a waiting list and, in any case, under the circumstances might well have been placed in a private room.

4. Mr Foot specifically requested to be placed in a public ward. He also told me, and these are his words, "If anyone rings from the hospital, for God's sake make sure that I am placed in a public ward". I emphasized this demand, a fact which I am sure members of the administrative staff of the Royal Free would confirm.

5. It so happens, as any journalist could have discovered, that the Royal Free Hospital is run on different lines from most other hospitals. The system is an encouraging development for the future of the health service. The hospital is built on the principle of the open plan, off which from a more or less central position nurses can observe patients. These patients are placed either in wards containing no more than four beds or in single rooms.

The point of the plan is to give the maximum number of ordinary health service patients privacy. So far as I could observe, one or maybe two telephones are shared by the entire wing. As it happened, Mr Foot was placed in a single room primarily because, due to past experience, the hospital staff feared unwarrantable intrusions from press photographers and reporters. This might not have occurred, but the numerous inquiries from the press, coupled with the number of reporters and photographers hanging about outside the hospital, did nothing to allay the fears of the staff.

Yours truly,
JILL CRAIGIE,
Pilgrim's Lane,
Hampstead, NW3.
May 8.

Commodity prices

From Mr David Green

Sir, It would be surprising if there had not been some wry grins at the Commonwealth conference in the teeth of the Prime Minister's new found interest in commodity price stabilization. The industrialized world hitherto has shown not the remotest concern for the primary producer in a glutted world market; and those who have, for years, advocated commodity price stabilization—like your eminent correspondent L. St. Clare Grondona (May 2)—have found themselves preaching to a brick wall. Now that supplies of cheap commodities are approaching exhaustion and that exhaustion is becoming more patent in the face of explosive population growth and adverse climatic change, we suddenly want to see "fair" prices. Yet the time is probably past; for the economic negotiating power is already moving from the manufacturer to the primary producer, and the latter is likely to ask himself why he should show any greater charity now than the industrialized world did when the boot was on the other foot.

The world has recoiled temporarily from the shock of banging its head against the finite limit of available resources, reflected in the massive increase of commodity prices between 1970 and 1974. Some 25 million people are currently unemployed in the industrialized world, and the reduction in their living standard consequent upon that situation has created some temporary slack. But if, as the apostles of growth would have it, the industrial world again attempts to expand, we shall again hit the same ceiling: and as world population in the meantime is expanding by 80 millions every year, the shock and recoil will be harsher each time, notwithstanding the fact that each successive increase in commodity prices will render it practicable to exploit leaner and leaner resources.

The optimization of our own resources and conservation of all resources are no longer the academic interest of a few wide eyed idealists; increasingly they are becoming a fundamental of our own economic, political and social survival. The indicators would be more hopeful if our government, in its pronouncements and investment decisions, recognized this fact. But one does begin to despair when its priority for £2,000m of investment appears to be that we should continue to produce motor cars which no one wants, to run on fuel which shortly no one will have.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris, near Haverfordwest.
May 2.

Sarah Siddons School

From Mrs Caroline Smith

Sir, We at Sarah Siddons School have naturally read your Education Correspondent's article about our school in today's edition of *The Times* (May 6).

We feel it would have been better if Tim Devlin had got in touch with us to discover the whole truth, the other side of the coin which Miss Lloyd was not with us long enough to realise.

Miss Lloyd spent one week in November at Sarah Siddons School in the English Department—a department where five of the eight members of staff have been with us for longer than six years. It was unfortunate that she inherited a group of difficult children who were disgruntled because the teacher who was equipped to cope with them had left.

As a staff, we agree that teaching in Sarah Siddons School is no easy task. We in no way wish to cover up the day to day reality of life in the school, but would like to point out that we would expect a teacher with twenty-two years' experience to know that you cannot build up a relationship with a class of children in one week, but with perseverance it can and is being done.

The teacher who took over Miss Lloyd's classes has been successful with these pupils, and wishes to stay on at our school next year.

Finally, there is no truth in the statement that the lavatories are kept locked at certain times "to stop drug-taking". The lavatories are locked during lesson time to prevent girls congregating in them.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE SMITH, Headmistress.
Sarah Siddons School,
North Wharf Road, W2.
May 6.
*This letter has also been signed by 51 other members of the staff.

Near the end of the line

From the Director of the Committee on Invisible Exports

Sir, As you commented this morning (May 8), Mr Eric Sevareid of CBS, like the *Wall Street Journal* before him, has stuck a few sharp pins into our complacency. One was particularly sharp. "The City of London", he said, "is financially broke". Perhaps he meant the GLC. We took no chances. The following cable was sent to him today.

"You are quoted here as saying that the City of London is financially broke. If correctly quoted, this is rubbish. As you should remember from your pleasant stay here, the City of London is the name of the financial centre of Britain, like Wall Street. Its foreign earnings have doubled in the past five years and are bigger than New York. It is the centre of the world's Eurodollar market, has the largest international insurance market, the largest international commodity markets, the world's leading bullion centre, the biggest shipping and air freight market and boasts more international security quotations than any other centre. It also has more American banks than New York. Why not ask them why they are here?"

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM CLARKE,
Committee on Invisible Exports,
18th Floor,
233 Fenchurch Street, EC3.
May 8.

From Mr Patrick Hutber

Sir, Your well-meaning leading article today (May 8) epitomizes the kind of thinking that has led this nation towards what you call the end of the line.

You say that Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Denis Healey, Mr Harold Lever, Mr James Callaghan, Mr Reg Prentice, Mr Anthony Crosland and Mr Roy Jenkins represent most truly "the mind of the centre and the mind of the nation". It is their kind of centrism that has led us to our present pass, by collective acts of omission and individual acts of commission. Mr Healey, for example, has pursued a disastrous budgetary policy for the past 14 months; his Capital Transfer Tax is the most destructive fiscal measure of this generation and, perhaps, of any other. Mr Crosland, having equivocated on Europe for the sake of party unity, has sought to indemnify the Clay Cross councillors. They have, all of them collectively, failed to stand up against left-wing policies that individually they will admit to be insane. And they, all of them, stand for the policies of high taxation, high Government expenditure and low profitability that are at the root of our troubles.

If there is a glimmer of hope for this country, it comes from the increasing recognition that in economics, as in politics, the squishy-soft centre line has very nearly been the death of us.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HUTBER,
The Old Rectory,
Drayton Parslow,
Buckinghamshire.
May 8.

Newmarket demonstration

From Sir David Llewellyn

Sir, Mr Christopher Loyd, a member of the Jockey Club, underlines (May 6) the conflict of evidence about Bloody Thursday at Newmarket.

He sees those who joined the trespass on the Rowley Mile, some armed with offensive weapons, as valiant upholders of law and order, unconcerned with the strike, rallying to the police in their hour of need.

Others saw them as a heavy mob, inspired by hate, who made it impossible for the police to keep the Queen's Peace.

In the lamentable absence of any Jockey Club inquiry under rule 14 (viii) of the Rules of Racing or otherwise, there should be a public inquiry, under the chairmanship of a High Court Judge, to establish where the truth lies.

If a riot can take place at the headquarters of racing, without the Jockey Club inquiring into the behaviour of those who took part, including at least one of its own members, the danger of escalation is obvious.

The public which, through the levy, subsidizes the sport of kings is entitled to better protection.

If those who hold a Royal Charter to run the turf do not think a riot worth an inquiry, her Majesty's Government—and her Majesty's Opposition too—should demonstrate that they at least do not take such a cavalier view.

Yours, etc,
DAVID LLEWELLYN,
The Old Rectory,
Yattendon,
Near Newbury,
Berkshire.
May 6.

Enid Blyton

From Mr Derek Hudson

Sir, It is very good news that Naomi Lewis has received the Eleanor Farjeon award, and I warmly endorse Mr Alderson's appreciation of her great qualities (Article, May 7). But may I make a small contribution to his consideration of Enid Blyton?

I have never read any of Miss B's books, but in 1919, aged seven, I was her pupil for several months at a little school at Bickley, Kent. Perhaps I am prejudiced by the flattering nature of her reports, one of which lies before me. She thought my history "very good indeed" and added "he remembers very well"! I do remember that she was an enthusiastic teacher who made our lessons interesting. Mr Alderson says that the axiom "Everything takes trouble" is not present in Miss Blyton's philosophy, but I am sure she took a lot of trouble at Bickley Park School.

Yours, etc,
DEREK HUDSON,
33 Beacon Hill Court,
Hindhead, Surrey.
May 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 8: By command of The Queen, the Lord Wells-Pestell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, today upon the departure of The President of Tanzania and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 8: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Air Chief Commandant of the Women's Royal Air Force, today visited RAF Hullavington, Wiltshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron, attended the ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) Conference at the Kings Fund Hospital Centre at Nutford Place, W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

May 8: The Duke of Kent, as President, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting of the Royal National Life-boat Institution at the Royal Festival Hall.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, today presided at a Congregation for the conferment of Honorary Degrees at the University of Leeds.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Jane Pugh.

The Bishop of Kensington and the Mayor of Kensington attended the celebrations of the hundredth birthday of Mrs May Burrett on May 6.

Service dinner

Royal Corps of Transport

Members of the Institution of the Royal Corps of Transport held their annual dinner last night at the Park Lane Hotel. Major-General W. Bate, president, was in the chair and their guests were Generals Sir William Jackson, Sir Cecil Blacker and Sir John Wilson, and Brigadier E. F. Faulkner.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Michael Gass and Miss E. P. Acland-Hood

The engagement is announced between Sir Michael Gass, KCMG, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs G. Irving Gass, of Broadway, Butleigh Wootton, Glastonbury, Somerset, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late the Hon John Acland-Hood and of the Hon Mrs Acland-Hood, of Wootton House, near Glastonbury.

Captain C. W. Going and Miss E. S. Brownlow

The engagement is announced between Christopher Wyndham, son of the late Major Wyndham-Quinn Going, and the Hon Mrs Charles Richardson, Ashe Warren House, Overton, Hampshire, and Elisabeth Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Brownlow, Ballydugan House, Downpatrick, co Down, Northern Ireland.

Mr D. Lewis and Miss M. Ringle

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs M. Lewis, of Sheffield, and Margo, daughter of Mr L. Ringle and the late Mrs Z. Ringle, of London, NW4.

Mr J. Nicoll and Mrs A. J. Westropp

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr J. G. D. Nicoll, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Mrs K. B. Nicoll, of Aston Rowant, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Steinberg, of London.

Mr M. D. V. Platten and Miss F. M. V. Watts

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Dr and Mrs M. C. Platten, of Builth Wells, and Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. L. Watts, of Chalfont St Giles.

Mr P. B. Vos and Miss S. E. Alban-Jones

The engagement is announced between Peter Benjamin, elder son of the late Mr Bernard Vos and of Mrs Pamela Vos, of Hendon, and Sioned Elisabeth, elder daughter of the late Dr D. J. A. Alban-Jones and of Mrs D. C. V. Alban-Jones, of Conwy, Gwynedd.

Mr P. F. Whittington and Miss A. M. Goulding

The engagement is announced between Peter Francis, son of Mr and Mrs L. P. Whittington, of 7 Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Angela Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. D. Goulding, of Heathfield House, Rotherfield, Sussex.

Lincoln's Inn

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, has been elected an honorary bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.

Mrs Thatcher buying a flag on World Red Cross Day yesterday outside Parliament from Mrs Olive Prentice, Florence Nightingale's oldest surviving blood relation.

Teachers oppose new role for university head

Proposed constitutional changes at London University aimed at making the vice-chancellor a full-time paid official are to be opposed at a hearing before a committee of the Privy Council on Monday.

Petitions against statutes passed by the senate affecting the functions of the vice-chancellor and principal have been referred to the committee for consideration. Among them is a petition signed by 140 teachers at various London University colleges alleging a lack of consultation before the proposals received final senate approval.

Three other petitions from teachers claim that the proposed changes are invalid as being beyond the powers of the senate to make and amend statutes governing the university under the University of London Act, 1926. They also contend that the changes would be contrary to the interests of teachers and the colleges.

The civic universities, those other than Oxford and Cambridge, already have vice-chancellors who are full-time paid academic and administrative officials.

A London University spokesman said yesterday: "At present the university has a vice-chancellor who is elected annually by the senate although in practice the vice-chancellorship has generally been held for three years at a time.

"He is a part-time officer receiving no salary and is usually a senior professor or head of one of the London colleges. The principal is a permanent salaried official, who is chief administrative officer.

"The real problem has been a question of continuity of leadership. What is now proposed is that the vice-chancellor in London should become the academic and administrative head of the university and should be appointed for a four-year period of office on a full-time salaried basis. Then he would not have to run two major jobs at the same time.

"The pricipal would have his status very little altered but he would in fact become the senior administrative officer below the vice-chancellor.

"Some college teachers, on the other hand, feel that the only place where planning can really be done is in the colleges themselves and that the university has no role in planning."

Stradivari fails to find buyer

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Prices for musical instruments generally ran well beyond expectations at Sotheby's and Christie's yesterday, both auctioneers for once holding similar sales on the same day. Nevertheless, the star attraction at Sotheby's, the Conte d'Arnaille Stradivari violin, failed to find a buyer and was bought back for the owner at £36,000.

Stradivari is, of course, a magic name for violins, but this is a very late example of his work, dating from 1737, and some experts believe it to be more the work of his sons and assistants than of the master himself.

On the other hand, a Nicolo Amati violin of 1682 was sold to the painting dealer, David Carritt, for £26,000, far more than any instrument by that maker has previously fetched at auction. Hill's certificate of the violin, dated 1908, describes it as "one of the finest examples of Nicolo Amati known to us". The price clearly reflected that opinion and was much in line with Sotheby's expectations.

Sotheby's sale also included a cello of 1722 by Carlo Tononi of Venice at £15,000 (estimate £10,000), a violin by Joannes Baptista Guadagnini at £8,600 and a two-manual harpsichord by Jacob Kirckman of 1756 at £7,000 (estimate £8,000-£12,000).

The top price in Christie's sale was £7,350 (estimate £6,000-£8,000) for a cello by Jean Baptiste Vuillaume of around 1860. A French violin by Nicolas Lupot made £4,410 (estimate £3,000-£4,000).

Sotheby's sales of Greek and Roman coins in Zurich on Wednesday brought results well below expectations. The star pieces in the sale of Greek coins were a group of three dekadrachms. There were two by Euainetos of around 390 BC, which brought 48,000 francs apiece (£8,000); they had been estimated to fetch 70,000 francs. The third, by Kimon, dating from around 405 BC, made 28,000 francs (£4,650), compared with an estimate of 65,000 francs.

The star piece in the Roman coin sale proved equally disappointing; a sestertius struck under Domitian, which sold at 20,000 francs (£3,350) compared with an estimate of 50,000 francs. The total realized by the two sales, at 823,000 francs, was roughly one third short of the hoped for 1,450,000 francs of the estimates.

Sotheby's also held a jewel sale in Zurich, with a top price of 270,000 francs (£45,400) for a lozenge-shaped diamond weighing 8.80 carats.

At Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday there was strong bidding for oriental furniture and works of art. A Chinese gold figure of Shou Lao seated on a deer, standing eight inches high and weighing 10oz, made £1,350 (estimate £800-£1,200). A Japanese lacquer and rosewood display cabinet of around 1870 sold to Atallah from Beirut at £1,000 (estimate £500-£800) and Lennox Money paid £900 (estimate £200-£400) for an early-nineteenth-century Chinese *lac burgauté* cabinet.

Dinners

Tallow Chandlers' Company

The Tallow Chandlers' Company entertained the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs at a livery dinner at their hall last night. The master, Mr Peter F. Davy, presided and Mr G. Hammond also spoke. Among those present were:

The Hon Gordon Palmer, Major-General J. E. Cordingley, the masters of the Painter Stainers' and Tin Plate Workers' Companies and the President of the Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations.

United and Cecil Club

The United and Cecil Club held a dinner at the House of Commons last night. Mr Dudley Smith, MP (chairman), presided, and Lord Carrington was the guest of honour.

London School of Economics

Mr John Gullick was host last night at the annual dinner for honorary fellows of the London School of Economics and Political Science. The guests included:

Sir Walter Adams, Sir Douglas Allen, Professor Raymond Aron, Dr Lance Beales, Senor Don Pedro Beltran, Sir Kenneth Borrill, Professor E. H. Phelps Brown, Professor R. O. Buchanan, Sir Sydney Caine, Professor Eleanora M. Carus-Wilson, Lord Chorley, QC, Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Professor Sir Ronald Edwards, Dr Otto Emminger, Dr L. Farrer-Brown, Professor Sir Raymond Firth, Mrs Jean Floud, Miss Mary Goldring, Sir Douglas Honley, Sir John Hicks, Mr Graham Hutton, Professor Otto Kahn-Freund, QC, Lord Kaldor, Miss Janet A. Kydd, Professor Edmund Leach, Professor T. H. Marshall, Professor James Meade, Mr B. K. Nehru, Professor Michael Oakeshott, Professor Frank Paish, Professor Michael Postan, Sir Richard Powell, Sir Max Rayne, Dr Audrey Richards, Lord Robbins, Professor Leo Rosten, Mr Leo L. Schwartz, Professor Edward Shils, Sir Robert Shone, Baroness Stocks, Dr Helen Suzman, Professor G. S. A. Wheatcroft, Mr Huw Wheldon, Sir George Woodcock, Dr Michael Young, Dame Eileen Younghusband, and Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan.

Royal Aeronautical Society

The Royal Aeronautical Society gave a dinner at 4 Hamilton Place yesterday evening after the eighteenth Lanchester Memorial Lecture, which was given by Professor K. H. Doetsch, of Braunschweig University. Mr B. P. Laight, president of the society, received the guests.

Old Cliftonian Society

The president, Mr Leslie Prince, presided last night at a dinner at the City Livery Club given by present and past members of the committee of the Old Cliftonian Society in honour of Mr Stephen McWatters, Headmaster of Clifton College, who is retiring in July.

Building Societies' Institute

The annual dinner of the Building Societies' Institute was held last night at Grosvenor House. The speakers were Lord Goodman, chairman of the Housing Corporation and chairman of the National Building Agency, Mr E. W. Argent, president, Mr J. Alan Cumming, deputy president, and Dr A. Suddaby, provost, the City of London Polytechnic.

ICMA

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants held a dinner at Middle Temple Hall, EC4, last night to mark the grant of a Royal Charter of Incorporation made on March 18. The president of the institute, Mr Denys E. Edmonds, presided and the guests included:

Mr R. Amos, Major-General Sir Leonard Atkinson, Mr S. G. Bacon, Mr B. Bedwell, Mr F. S. D. Berger, Mr C. H. Broughton-Pipkin, Mr R. Christie, Mr J. A. S. Clemmitson, Mr R. C. M. Cooper, Sir Charles Curran, Mr J. A. Dearlove, Mr R. H. Dent, Mr F. J. Doggett, Mr R. A. Dudman, Mr R. A. Emmott, Mr A. I. G. Farquharson, Mr C. W. Foreman, Mr D. Fowler, Mr R. Frank, Mr F. S. S. Grindrod, Mr B. Hale, Dr D. A. Harner, Mr C. A. Herring, Sir Arthur Hetherington, Mr H. Hill, Mr A. Hilton, Mr R. C. Hooker, Mr V. P. Hough, Mr R. F. G. Hussey, Mr L. Kingsholt, Mr M. L. D. Windsor, Mr A. S. Marshall, Mr D. C. L. Marwood, Mr H. J. Matthey, Lord Milne, Captain J. B. Morison, Mr G. Murray, Mr W. V. W. Norris, Sir Alec Ogilvie, Mr D. J. Palmar, Mr A. Park, Mr J. Reid, Mr J. Richardson, Mr D. L. Robson, Mr J. E. B. Sieff, Mr K. J. Sharp, Sir William Slimmings, Mr B. P. Smith, Mr A. Spain, Mr W. A. G. Spicer, Dr C. D. J. Statham, Mr F. A. Taylor, Mr R. Temple, Brigadier A. Wallis, Mr C. Webb, Mr J. A. Wellings, Mr W. F. S. Woodford and Mr T. B. Degenhardt.

Earl of Listowel

The Earl of Listowel, patron of the British-Tunisian Society, entertained members of the society and their guests at the House of Lords last night for their twelfth annual dinner. Mr David Ennals, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, proposed the toast of the society and Anglo-Tunisian relations. M Brahim Turki, Ambassador of Tunisia, replied and proposed the toast of the guests, to which M Tijani Chelli, president and director-general of the Tunisian Investment Promotion Agency, responded. Among those present were:

Mme Brahim Turki, Mme Chelli, the Countess of Listowel, Earl and Countess Alexander of Tunis, Sir Edward Warner (chairman of the British-Tunisian Society) and Lady Warner, Mr B. L. Luedham-Green (vice-chairman) and Mrs Leedham-Green.

Lancastrians in London

The Association of Lancastrians in London gave a reception and dinner on Wednesday for the Lancashire county cricket team in the Surrey Tavern, at the Oval, on the occasion of the county championship match between Lancashire and Surrey. Mr Eric W. Cheadle welcomed the team and the captain, Mr David Lloyd, responded. Among those present were:

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Sillitoe (secretary, Surrey County Cricket Club), Canon Edwyn Young (hon chaplain to the association), Mr F. Engineer, Mr F. Hayes, Mr G. Lloyd, Mr A. Kennedy, Mr B. Wood, Mr H. Pilling, Mr D. Hughes, Mr P. Lever, Mr J. Simmons, Mr P. Lee, Mr G. Dodds, Mr A. Long (Surrey deputy captain), Mr J. Woodcock and Mr W. H. Butler (hon secretary to the association).

Reorganization of local planning urged

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The Royal Town Planning Institute called yesterday for the development of comprehensive planning programmes coordinating social, economic and physical policies in specific areas.

In evidence to the Layfield committee of inquiry into local government finance, the institute said those programmes should be funded by local income tax or by special block grants within the Government's rate support grant. The present system of local government finance did not allow local authorities to direct resources efficiently to both deprived areas and new development.

If local authorities were given a firm ceiling for expenditure, the responsibility for local decisions would rest more securely in their hands and they would have more freedom to allocate resources more effectively.

The Selsdon Group of Conservatives said in evidence that it saw the rates crisis as a consequence of local government assuming an increasing number of functions. The transfer of the burden of expenditure from rates to taxes was no answer.

The group believes individuals should be encouraged to do for themselves "what they are better capable of doing in the fields of housing, education, welfare, leisure and transportation".

Science report

Radiobiology: Plutonium

Recent experiments by scientists at the Medical Research Council's radiobiology unit at Harwell suggest that radioactive plutonium may be concentrated in larger quantities in immature sperm than in other tissues. That means that estimates of the risks of genetic damage, based on the average concentration throughout the body, may be too low and the "safe" level for exposure to plutonium may have to be revised. Those conclusions are likely to increase unease about nuclear power reactors, which create plutonium as a by-product.

There is already considerable disquiet about the risk of cancer among workers exposed to plutonium. Dr D. Green and his colleagues at Harwell were concerned with the danger to future generations if radioactive particles should cause genetic damage in the germ cells in the testes and ovary.

Estimates of the risk entailed in exposure to radioactive plutonium are based on average concentrations in the various organs. Dr Green and his associates used mice to test whether the effect of the radioactive substance was in fact the same in the different tissues of mouse testes. They injected a radioactive plutonium compound into the bloodstream of male mice and counted the number of tracks left in the testes by the damaging alpha particles emitted by the plutonium. Then they compared the dose averaged over the whole testis with that found when the immature sperm cells themselves were examined separately from the surrounding tissue.

They calculate that the dose to the sperm cells is roughly two and a half times the average dose calculated for the whole testis. That means that any given dose of plutonium may be more than twice as dangerous to the germ cells as might have been expected.

By Nature-Times News Service.

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Marriage

Mr T. R. W. Farrell and Miss P. A. Walmsley-Clark

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 3, at HM Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, London, between Mr Timothy Farrell, only son of the late Mr T. W. Farrell and Mrs B. J. Farrell, of Westerham, Kent, and Miss Penelope Walmsley-Clark, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. G. Clark, of Tring, Hertfordshire. A reception was held at Claridge's hotel.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev C. W. J. Bowles, 59; Sir James Brown, 83; Sir William Crowther, 88; Sir David Cuthbertson, 75; the Rev Dr C. W. Dugmore, 66; Mr Albert Finney, 39; Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes, 62; Sir Michael Malcolm, 77; Admiral Sir Victor Smith, 62; Dame Jocelyn Woollcombe, 77.

The Duchess of Kent will open the extension at South Kent College of Technology at Folkestone on July 7, and in the afternoon will visit the King's School, Canterbury.

OBITUARY

JULIUS HAY
Hungarian dramatist

Julius Hay, the Hungarian dramatist has died at the age of 75 in Switzerland. He had settled there after his release from prison in Hungary where he spent four years after the 1956 uprising.

Though a distinguished figure among modern Hungarian playwrights, Hay spent much of his life abroad. A committed Marxist, he found himself buffeted throughout his life by the conflicting forces and shades of opinion in practical communism. Much of his work was in fact published and produced in Germany.

As a young man he left Hungary for Germany and during the latter days of the Weimar Republic his controversial plays particularly *God, Peasant, Emperor* occupied an important place on the Berlin stage. With the advent of the Nazis in 1933 he was forced to leave Germany and moved to Vienna.

Here the murder of Dollfuss made his existence in Austria difficult and with the Nazi intrusion he was eventually imprisoned. Released through the intervention of literary friends, he moved to Switzerland and then to Russia where he spent the years from 1935 to 1945. He was later to describe his impressions of the Soviet Union in his autobiography.

In 1945 he returned to Hungary. Here as a writer in the immediate postwar years he dutifully toed the drab lines of Socialist Realism, though his play *Tisza Nook*, on the wartime Horthy regime in Hungary, is a notable work.

With the post-Stalin thaw, he was able to become more outspoken as an author and his publication in October 1956 of a scathing satire on Party bureaucracy *Why I don't like Comrade Kucsera* brought him something like celebrity amongst liberal communists.

In less than a month Hungary had revolted against, and been crushed by the Russians and Hay who had broadcast protests and appeals for help over the radio until the end, was eventually arrested.

He was sentenced to six years imprisonment during which time he continued to write plays. Under the amnesty of 1960 he was released and the new liberalized government of Janos Kadar did not prevent him from leaving the country for Switzerland.

Plays produced after this time included *The Horse*, which uses the Roman Emperor Caligula's appointment of his horse to the Consulship to satirize totalitarianism. It was performed in Britain by the Oxford University Experimental Theatre Club in 1965.

Hay's last major work *Geboren 1900*, an autobiography which encapsulates the whole of his experience as a committed Marxist living in the non-ideal world of political practice, was published in Hamburg in 1971. A translation into English, *Born 1900* was published in Britain last year.

Dr LAURENCE LOCKHART
Persian studies

R. W. F. writes:

Dr Laurence Lockhart, who died on May 3, read History and Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge, obtaining a First Class in Arabic and Persian studying under Edward G. Browne. He later took a Phil at London in 1935 for his doctoral thesis on Nadir Shah. He served in the Foreign Office during the First World War and afterwards joined the Anglo Persian Oil Company. During the Second World War he served with distinction in the RAF as an Intelligence Officer in Persia and Aden.

After the war he wrote his notable and justly acclaimed study of later Safavid history, *The Fall of the Safavi Dynasty and the Afghan Occupation of Persia*, in which he displayed his extensive knowledge of contemporary sources in many languages and his meticulous scholarship. A fine photographer, his *Famous Cities of Iran* was followed by his commentary to *Persian Cities*. He was an editor and contributor to the Cambridge History of Iran, the first Editor of *IRAN*, journal of the British Institute for Persian Studies, and was the author of a wide range of articles on Iranian history. In a full and active life he travelled widely, wore his scholarship lightly and was always welcoming and unsparing of his time to the many who shared his interests and sought his advice.

MR BRAM FISCHER

Mr Bram Fischer, the former Johannesburg QC, and head of the South African Communist Party which is banned in the country, died yesterday. He was 67.

Fischer, a member of one of the nation's most respected Afrikaner families, was convicted in 1966 of conspiring to commit sabotage and overthrow the government violently and of 14 subsidiary charges of furthering the aims of the Communist Party. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The quality of mercy was strained when at the age of 65 he was taken from prison to a Pretoria hospital suffering from terminal cancer. Although visiting restrictions were lifted so that his immediate family could see him, a police guard remained close by. He was still technically a prisoner.

He died at his brother's home in Bloemfontein, where he was transferred from a prison hospital in March, a statement issued by the Commissioner of Prisons said.

He was cared for by his family after the mounting of a prolonged campaign for his release from the restriction of the hospital. But he was still classified as a prisoner and under the conditions laid down by the Government was due to return to the prison on June 10.

Fischer was born on April 23, 1908, in Bloemfontein. His grandfather, Abraham Fischer, was a member of the Cabinet in the first Union government and his father, Pieter Fischer, a Judge President of the Orange Free State. Fischer grew up in the strong Calvinistic, Afrikaner tradition and followed the family footsteps into law. He studied at the University College of the Orange Free State for his BA and LLB. In 1932, he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. He spent five years there and it was at Oxford that his views began to change.

During the 1940s and early postwar years he quietly practised his profession without attracting too much attention.

In the early 1960s he entered the limelight as leading defence counsel in the Rivonia sabotage trial at which Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Council in South Africa, and Walter Sisulu, head of the "spear of the nation" organization, were imprisoned for life.

A few months later Fischer found himself in the same dock at the Pretoria Supreme Court charged with 12 other whites of being a member of the Communist Party and of taking part in acts to further the party's aims.

At the end of 1964, Fischer was granted £5,000 bail to appear in a case in London before the Privy Council. He returned to the country the following January but absconded until the following November when he was arrested in Johannesburg heavily disguised. He was one of South Africa's most wanted men. His subsequent trial lasted four months. He was awarded a Lenin Peace Prize in 1966.

His wife Molly died in a car crash in 1965 and his son, Paul, from an illness in April, 1971.

PRINCE MICHAEL IMERETINSKY

Prince Michael Imeretinsky, who died on April 14, was the youngest son of T. S. H. Prince and Princess Imeretinsky.

He was born in St Petersburg in 1900. He belonged to the reigning house of Imeretia, which lost its independence to Russia in 1810. His father was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Russian Imperial Bodyguard.

Prince Michael was educated by tutors and later at Lancing College. He became a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps in 1918. He rejoined the Royal Air Force in the Second World War, ending his service as squadron leader.

For many years he was engaged in agriculture and horticulture on his property near Menton in the South of France. He was a long-standing member of the Soil Association.

He married Margaret Fitzherbert Wright, daughter of Henry Fitzherbert Wright of Yeldersley Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. She, and their three daughters, survive him.

Professor Hans Arnold Heilbronn, FRS, Professor of Mathematics, Toronto University, died on April 28.

Grizel Lady Rankeillour, widow of the second Baron Rankeillour, GCIE, MC, former Governor of Madras, died on May 6. She was the daughter of Brig-Gen Sir Robert Gilmour, Bt, CB, CVO, DSO, and she was married in 1919. Her husband died in 1958.

Receptions

Royal Society

The President and council of the Royal Society entertained fellows and guests at a conversazione at 6 Carlton House Terrace yesterday.

Royal Asiatic Society

The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland held its anniversary general meeting yesterday at 56 Queen Anne Street, W. The following honorary officers were elected: Professor E. Ullendorff (vice-president), Mr S. E. Digby (librarian), Dr A. K. Irvine (editor), Dr S. A. Skilliter (secretary) and Mr E. P. Southall (treasurer).

The anniversary lecture was given by Professor C. F. Beckingham and a reception was held afterwards for fellows and their guests.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, May 9, 1950

Confident industry

Mr Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said [at the British Industries Fair dinner in London] that visitors to Britain in the past year had commented on the partnership between all sections of industry and commerce in the national effort. Never had cooperation between management and labour been closer than in these war-time and postwar years. All sections of industry—privately owned and publicly owned—management, technicians, workers, designers, salesmen, had contributed to our national effort, and with a spirit which went far beyond considerations of mere reward. Visitors would find a greater confidence this year than in any year since the war in our ability to supply the world.

Funeral service

Sir Tresham Lever

The funeral service took place on Monday, May 5, at Holy Trinity Church, Melrose, Roxburghshire, of Sir Tresham Joseph Philip Lever. The Rector, the Rev Leslie Dover, officiated and the lessons were read by Mr Christopher Lever and Commander Hamilton Ridler. After private cremation the ashes were interred in the garden of Lessudden. Members of the family present in church included:

Lady Lever, Mr and Mrs Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Wise, Mrs Diana Younger, Mr Gavin Younger, Mrs Frank D'Abreu, the Duke of Hamilton, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Commander and Mrs Edward Hutton and Mrs Hamilton Ridler.

Other members of the congregation included:

The Hon Mrs Lindsay, Mrs D. Foster, Mr Christopher Scott, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Inglis, Colonel and Mrs Lowis, Mr and Mrs James Haldane, Mrs Michael Shaw-Stewart, Mr and Mrs Jock Shaw-Stewart, Mr Francis Seymer, Sir Conolly and Lady Mary Abel Smith, Major S. E. H. Baillie, Mr J. Shelley, the Hon Francis and Mrs Hepburn-Scott, Helena Viscountess Maitland, Mrs M. M. Scott, Mrs C. S. Byers, Mr J. Smith, the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, Mrs R. Sutherland (representing the Scott Fellowship), Mr F. E. Smith, Mrs Ronald P. Kellett (representing the Brontë Society), Mrs Butler, Mr Martin Haldane, Lord and Lady Biddulph, Mr Alan Bell, Mr O. Farr, Lieutenant-Colonel F. R. C. and Lady Daphne Stewart, Mr Alasdair and Lady Flavia Anderson.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will present the British Amateur Athletic Board's trophies for 1974 at Buckingham Palace on June 4.

Princess Anne will open St Helena House, Westoning Manor, Westoning, Bedfordshire, on May 28.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire, on July 30.

ANDRE PREVIN

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Andre Previn, principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, writes, "Some of the people who have given you so many hours of pleasure throughout the years are now sadly in need of your help. These are the musicians who—unprotected by a pension—have suffered serious accidents and illnesses which prevent them from ever performing again. Now they face heart-breaking hardships as they wonder how they will manage to survive. So please, think of the enjoyment they've given you—and help make their lives a little more enjoyable, too."

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David White on the living room and its laws

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Alan Ryan on the work principle

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Today's engagements

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester carries out engagements in St Albans, 2.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester launches HMS Ardent at Yarrow, Glasgow, 11.

Living Crafts 75 exhibition, Old Palace Stables, Hatfield House, Hatfield, 11-6.

Special gallery talk: The Arts of Charles I, by Launce Gribbin, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30.

Poets in Person: Paul Evans and Paul Matthews, the Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, 7.30.

Latest wills

Lord Fiske, of St John's Wood, London, former leader of Greater London Council, left £13,811 net. Mrs Martha Ullstein, of Bayswater, London, left £67,411 net (duty paid, £1,900). After small personal legacies she left the residue to the Jewish Blind Society.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Jarvis, Mr Donald Stanley, of Chislehurst, company director (duty paid, £114,687) .. £267,741

Archaeology report

Bantus: New light on history

Recent archaeological and linguistic research has thrown important light on the history of the Bantu-speaking people who form most of the population of sub-equatorial Africa.

Both archaeology and historical linguistics indicate strongly that the Iron Age culture of the Bantu-speaking peoples had its origin in the sudanic regions lying to the north of the equatorial forests. The bearers of that culture had settled in the areas surrounding Lake Victoria by about 300 BC.

In Africa, south of the interlacustrine region, two distinct streams of Early Iron Age spread are now recognized. The earlier and more easterly of them had reached the coastal regions of south-eastern Kenya by the second century AD, before initiating a rapid southward dispersal through what is now Malawi and Rhodesia to the Transvaal, during the fourth century.

There is little doubt that, contrary to the assertions still propounded by some South African government sources, Bantu-speaking people were well established in South Africa between the Limpopo and the Vaal about 1,500 years ago.

The eastern stream Early Iron Age folk introduced to much of south-central and southern Africa a mixed farming economy. They grew a variety of plant and cereal crops and herded sheep and goats. Techniques of potting and of metallurgy were also first brought to much of the sub-continent at that time.

One or two hundred years later, a distinct western stream of the Early Iron Age was established in what is now central Zambia and southern Zaire. That clearly shared a common ancestry with the earlier eastern stream. It was from that western source that domestic cattle, as well as more advanced metallurgical techniques, spread to the more easterly peoples.

There is remarkably close agreement between the archaeological evidence for the spread of Iron Age culture in sub-equatorial Africa and the conclusions now put forward concerning the development and dispersal of the Bantu languages. The data revealed by the two disciplines relating to the introduction of the various domestic animals are in particularly close agreement.

The research opens up new horizons for the use of both archaeological and linguistic studies in building up an interdisciplinary picture of African prehistory.

By D. W. Phillipson, Assistant Director of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, in a lecture at the British Academy, yesterday.

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Pressure is growing for sanctions by companies against government policy

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

A growing number of companies within the Confederation of British Industry feel they may have to resort to some sort of disruptive action against the Government in the absence of reasonable concessions over the controversial Industry Bill's provisions.

The CBI leadership, which is awaiting a reply from the Prime Minister to their letter claiming the Cabinet had not honoured certain assurances, is not seeking to promote a boardroom rebellion against Whitehall, but it is making no secret that it cannot go on stemming demands for militant protest action.

Lord Watkinson, chairman of the CBI companies committee, which met yesterday in London, was apparently making no idle remark in his widely reported House of Lords speech that companies may be driven to develop industrial muscle power.

Yesterday, while refusing to give examples of what he had meant, Lord Watkinson said: "What I meant by confrontation and non-cooperation is that when businessmen are asked to do the many things they do for the Government and for the national interest, they will think many times if they feel there is a government that is totally antagonistic to their interests."

At this stage of the mounting struggle between industry and the Government, the official CBI line is that until it sees the Industry Bill finally through Parliament and unchanged, it cannot fully respond to members' demands for some practical action. There is still hope that the Prime Minister may make some concessions free of any threats and decisions on non-cooperation.

Ideas are already being floated among member companies. Some feel they can do many things without defying the law. Withdrawal from service on government committees, the Neddy organization, and the Manpower Services Commission have been mentioned.

Refusals to fill up non-statutory forms from Whitehall, or to slow down the help given by industry on all but the most essential forms of cooperation with the Government, have been in more than one or two influential minds around the boardrooms.

The simple act of refusing to attend Whitehall committees or to nominate people for voluntary work is seen as very disruptive while not causing economic damage. Several people suggested that companies might unleash a flood of corporate paperwork on to Whitehall to clog up the administrative machine.

There is little support, as far as can be gauged at this stage, for any action of an illegal nature. But there are bound to be a few companies willing to risk the fines of the Industry Bill in bids to keep certain commercial matters secret for as long as possible. What is certain is that the CBI will not lend its sympathy for any illegal actions.

Craig Seton writes: Opposition criticism of the Industry Bill, particularly the provisions for disclosure of information, reached a new intensity during the committee stage yesterday with a warning that hostility and non-cooperation or passive resistance by industry could be the price the Government would have to pay.

Mr John Stanley (Tonbridge and Malling) described the clause dealing with disclosure of information as the "most potent instrument of ministerial pressure over industrial companies yet put on the statute book.

Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Industry, accused the Conservatives of demonstrating how unable they were to meet the modern industrial challenge. The purpose of the clause was to break down the nineteenth century and archaic way of running the economy and produce a more constructive course. Confidential information would be safeguarded.

The clause was carried by 15 votes to 13.

Changes in top FNFC management announced

By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent

Senior management at First National Finance Corporation, the secondary bank built up by Mr Pat Matthews, is being fundamentally restructured with the appointment of several clearing bankers to key board positions.

The management shake-up does nothing to resolve the uncertainty surrounding FNFC's long-term future. But it does suggest that the clearing banks and the Bank of England, which have been pumping deposits into FNFC as part of the fringe bank rescue operation, have at least accepted a basic commitment to keep the bank afloat.

The implication is that, unless a more positive solution can be agreed among the members of the "lifeboat committee", the banks will continue with their financial support, believed to total around £300m.

The vital appointment to the board, due to take effect at the forthcoming annual meeting, is that of Mr Maurice Denton, deputy general manager of the domestic banking division of the National Westminster Bank. Mr Denton will become executive managing director, alongside Mr Matthews, but clearly in charge.

Viscount De L'Isle, FNFC's chairman, will retire from the board and will be replaced by the present deputy chairman, Mr John Glyn.

Mr Glyn, who is chairman of the Yorkshire Bank, said yesterday he regarded his role as non-executive, although he would maintain a close interest in the bank.

The other new outside appointments are of Sir Michael Wilson, vice-chairman of Lloyds Bank and a former chief general manager, and Sir Richard Pease, a vice-chairman of Barclays Bank. Both appointments will be non-executive.

Mr R. N. D. Langdon, senior partner of Spicer & Pegler who has been a non-executive director of FNFC, will become deputy chairman.

The new appointments are the first positive development to emerge from the review of FNFC's future by the "lifeboat committee" which has been going on for some months.

Various proposals, including one by Kleinwort Benson involving the separation of the troublesome £250m property portfolio from the consumer finance interests, have been put forward. But the Kleinwort solution was rejected, and since then no alternative solution has evolved.

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Pound weakened further by fears over inflation and political stability

By Melvyn Westlake

Sterling's slide on the foreign exchanges accelerated yesterday, its floating devaluation rate against 10 other key currencies since the parity realignment of December, 1971, reached 22.8 per cent—the weakest level yet reached—from 23.5 per cent.

The extent of yesterday's fall in the pound was influenced by the fact that London was one of the few European financial centres open, as much of the Continent was enjoying an Ascension Day holiday.

In London and New York trading the pound dropped to its lowest level against the Dutch, French, Belgian, West German and Norwegian currencies.

It also touched a two-year "low" against Danish and Swedish crowns, but rose 0.3 cent against a weak dollar.

As well as the fears about British inflation and the outcome of the EEC referendum which have been helping to erode confidence in the pound for some weeks, the markets were yesterday showing concern over the worsening tension between government ministers and the threat of increasing political instability.

The market is also unsettled at the seemingly more permissive attitude of the Treasury towards the exchange rate. Although Mr Healey, the Chancellor, has said he does not want to see a decline in the pound, the Treasury does not appear to be particularly dissatisfied.

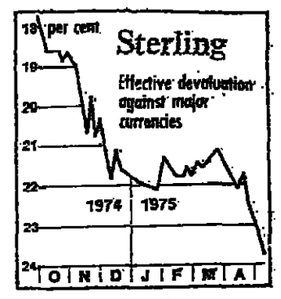
As Britain's rate of inflation is now running at 10 per cent or more above that of many of its trade partners, it is widely accepted that this must be translated into a roughly 1 per cent fall in the pound a month.

The decline in the pound during the past few weeks has been rather faster.

The Bank of England suggested in its *Quarterly Bulletin* early in March that export prices were then still competitive.

If this was in fact the case there would appear to be no justification for any further decline in the pound for the present. But the market appears to view an "effective depreciation" rate of about 25 per cent as the right level.

Mr Healey again said in the Commons yesterday that he did not want to see a further depreciation in the sterling rate. But given the choice between supporting the pound with borrowed money and permitting it to find a "natural" level, the Treasury would seem to have opted for the latter course.



Market firm: With early institutional buying, although selective, equities made a bright start on the London stock market.

Talk of a huge rights issue by Barclays Bank, later denied, turned prices off their best although in general the tone stayed firm. In gilts the longer end of the market was better than the short as wage freeze speculation persisted. The *FT Index closed 8.2 higher at 331.1.*

Consortia to continue Nation Life coverage

By Margaret Stone

Nearly a year after the collapse of Nation Life, about 14,000 out of 32,000 policyholders have had their death cover reinstated until June 30, to be followed by the chance of taking out a new policy with another life company on identical terms.

Two consortia, one consisting of 13 life offices and headed jointly by Eagle Star and the Prudential and the other of six companies from the linked-life industry, have finalized the details for giving continued protection to policyholders with either orthodox life assurance or regular premium linked life contracts.

For the dependants of the 29 policyholders who have died since Nation Life went into liquidation (and those with claims outstanding from before then) it means that claims totalling nearly £50,000 can at last be met.

It will, however, be essential to arrange fresh life cover after June 30 and special terms are being offered by consortia members.

The rest of Nation Life policyholders who held guaranteed income and growth bonds are not included in either of the two schemes. It will not be until the court has decided on the rights of the different classes of policyholders that any payments or distributions will be made to them. A date for the court proceedings may be fixed today.

Brokers Antony Gibbs (Personal Financial Planning), which sold about one quarter of Nation Life's guaranteed bonds, announced yesterday that it would bear the full legal costs of representing income bondholders in court which would otherwise come out of Nation Life's assets. The traditional insurance industry is meeting the expenses of representing interests of policyholders in its field, and similarly the linked life consortium is meeting the legal expenses for the linked life policyholders.

The linked life consortium, headed by Hambro Life and Property Growth and including Abbey, Cannon, Target and Save and Prosper, will meet existing death claims in full. Claims arising from orthodox life business will be paid at the rate of 90 per cent of the sum assured.

Holders of conventional policies are being offered the exchange of their ultimate rights in the liquidation of Nation Life a policy of the same type with another company but without further evidence of health. Existing benefits including reversionary bonuses will be lopped by 10 per cent. The extra cost to the consortium is estimated to be around £250,000, although the initial exposure until the distribution payments from the liquidator are received will be about £1m.

Linked policyholders will continue to have a claim against Nation Life, but if they wish they can arrange for a similar policy with any of the six offices with a 50 per cent premium rebate in the first year.

Societies will consider state plan

By Our Financial Staff

Building society leaders are sympathetic to the Government's proposals that they should bridge the gap created by the decision earlier this week to axe £100m from local authorities home loans programmes. They have, however, asked for more time to consider the situation.

At a meeting yesterday between the societies and officials about 25 minutes was spent looking at the various ways in which the societies could make available the £100m, either to local authorities or directly to the home buyers who would otherwise have obtained a town hall mortgage.

Finding the money would be the least difficult aspect. After a record inflow of £274m in March it seems as though April has provided net receipts estimated to be in the order of £340m-£360m.

The request for £100m of support for local authority home loans represents only about one week's lending for the societies at the moment, and it would be almost impossible to distribute it among about 400 local authorities in the country.

Such a proposal would be feasible, the societies consider, only if four to five areas at the most were to be identified as the most urgent recipients of the money.

The approach the societies most favour is that they should lend directly to borrowers.

Not wishing to become involved in the higher risk lending that all authorities follow, the societies reckon they could still siphon off enough customers who almost meet their more exacting financial requirements.

Budget blamed for Player cutback

Workers at Imperial Tobacco's John Player Churchman cigar factory in Ipswich start four-day working next week as part of a stock adjustment exercise to compensate for increased duty payments levied by the Budget. Production is also to be halted for two days at Player's cigarette works in Nottingham and Stirling.

Mr Benn visits union to discuss steel jobs

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

The row over the British Steel Corporation's controversial plans to sack 20,000 workers over the next few months rumbled on yesterday.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Industry Secretary, discussed the plan with leaders of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the largest union in the steel industry. Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, called for the resignation of Sir Monty Finniston, BSC chairman, while Mr Benn's former ministerial colleague, Mr Eric Heffer, alleged that the labour cutbacks were a direct consequence of British membership of the EEC.

Mr Benn spent an hour at the headquarters of the ISTC at the union's invitation, in a move which surprised his own officials.

The ISTC leaders told him that they would not accept redundancies until there had been a full discussion and alternative work was available, and they agreed to take part in tripartite discussion on the matter. The BSC board has not yet agreed to participate.

Mr Benn apparently told the union leaders that "tremendous assistance" could be given to the steel industry through the National Enterprise Board and the Industry Bill and at one point in the discussion is reported to have said: "There appears to be a determination to get back to the disciplines of unemployment by certain political factions."

But Mr Benn also warned the ISTC leadership, which met later to decide on a new pay claim, that the Government would resist an excessive pay claim.

Mr Jenkins told a London press conference that Sir Monty should move to the free enterprise sector where his attitude would fit in "and where he would not be exposed to the tension of having to suppress his natural feelings".

Mr Heffer, former Minister of State for Industry, said at another press conference that the proposed redundancies were the result of damage done to the United Kingdom steel industry as a result of EEC membership.

He challenged the BSC to publish three documents prepared by senior staff in 1971 which had sounded warnings of the dangers of United Kingdom membership for the steel industry.

Last night the BSC avoided admitting the existence of the papers but said that it was not their practice to publish confidential documents.

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Leyland strike makes another 5,000 idle

By R. W. Shakespeare

British Leyland, with more than 12,000 of its workers already made idle by a pay strike which has shut down one of the main components suppliers, ran into more labour trouble of its own yesterday.

A strike by 1,300 workers at Coventry led to another 5,000 men being laid off and stopped all production of Jaguar cars.

Hopes of an end to the two-week long strike by 700 clerical workers which has closed five factories belonging to the Dunlop organization in Coventry, making another 2,000 workers idle, now hang on a meeting to be held on Monday morning.

In talks with shopfloor representatives earlier this week Dunlop management put forward new proposals. These are understood not to involve any increase in the cash on offer but simply a reallocation of the total money included in earlier proposals.

The clerical workers have rejected an offer of increases of between £7 and £8 a week for men and £6.25 for women. They have been demanding an across-the-board increase of £10 a week because they claim their earnings have fallen behind those of manual and supervisory grades.

Apparently shop stewards do not intend to make any firm recommendation to Monday's meeting and, with no more cash on the table, this must make the prospects of a settlement uncertain.

Ford loses £10m: An unofficial strike by 100 door hangers is losing Ford nearly £10m—the retail price of 5,000 vehicles. The 100 Dagenham strikers, out for a fortnight, have chosen May 20 as the date for their next meeting. But the management is reluctant to accept that their action will go on as long as that.

A spokesman said yesterday: "There are no peace moves at the moment, but that it will go on until May 20 is a pretty big assumption. There are some signs that the unions are taking an interest and there could be moves that could bring a result before May 20."

The dispute is over the number of men needed for the job. Five thousand other workers have been laid off.

British car production falls 17 pc

By Edward Townsend

A further slide in British car and lorry production in the last three months was recorded by the Department of Industry yesterday.

Production fell by 17 per cent between February and April compared with the previous three months. The decline in commercial vehicle output was less marked, a drop of 9 per cent being recorded.

An estimated 106,400 cars were produced in the four weeks ending April 26, a weekly rate of 26,600. This is 8 per cent below the weekly rate achieved in April, 1974, when the industry was struggling to increase output after the three-day week.

The comparative strength of the commercial vehicle market is reflected in the April production figure of 31,000 trucks (7,750 a week) which was just 2 per cent down on the April 1974 total.

Car sales continued to decline in April. The department records 95,000 new registrations against 108,600 in March and 111,400 in February. Foreign car sales now account for almost 40 per cent of British registrations.

Profits forecast: Mr Henry Ford, chairman of Ford Motor Company, told the annual meeting that he expected the group to show a profit in the second quarter after an $11m loss in the first quarter. Nevertheless, sales in April have already caused the company to cut back its May and June production plans.

Industry sources said that Chrysler is looking at a plan to close temporarily four or more of its six American assembly plants this summer for periods that could be up to six weeks each.—AP-Dow Jones.

Burmah plea on BP stake fails

By Our Financial Staff

The Burmah Oil institutional shareholders' committee has failed to secure any concession from Mr Jasper Hollom, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and from Mr Edmund Dell, the Paymaster General, over the terms on which Burmah had to sell the bulk of its BP stake to the Bank.

This was announced last night by the committee which said it had made the "strongest representations" to Mr Hollom and Mr Dell. The committee said it "regrets that the authorities have not so far been prepared to consider any form of profit-sharing arrangement on any subsequent sale of the BP holding by the Bank".

The committee, which has had three meetings with Mr Alastair Down, Burmah's new chairman, said last night that it welcomed his steps to achieve a "major reconstruction" of the board. It would recommend its member institutions to vote in favour on the reelection of Mr Down and of four other directors at the forthcoming annual meeting.

CBI attack on Ryder report irks Lord Stokes

By Malcolm Brown

Lord Stokes has sent a "stiff formal letter of protest" to Mr Ralph Bateman, president of the Confederation of British Industry, asking for an explanation of why the CBI published a criticism of the Ryder report on British Leyland earlier this week without consulting Leyland.

Sources close to Lord Stokes said: "Feeling among senior management is very high. There is a great deal of indignation about the way the CBI behaved."

Saudi Arabia to open London bank

By Our Financial Staff

Saudi Arabia is to form a merchant bank based in London with the powerful Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) holding a 50 per cent stake, it was announced yesterday. Two Saudi commercial banks will hold a further 5 per cent of the equity between them.

The biggest non-Arab interest in the bank—to be named Al-Bank Al-Saudi Al-Alami (Saudi International Bank)—will be the Morgan Guaranty Trust of New York with a 20 per cent stake.

The National Westminster Bank will have a 5 per cent holding, as will the Bank of Tokyo, the Banque Nationale de Paris, the Deutsche Bank and the Union Bank of Switzerland.

SAMA has been used as the channel for all Saudi surplus funds and Mr Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi, Governor of SAMA, indicated yesterday that the bank might perform certain services for the Saudi Government.

He added: "By establishing a Saudi Arabian presence in a leading centre of international finance, the bank clearly will facilitate our nation's role in world economic and financial affairs."

But he said the bank, which would have an authorized capital of £25m, would function as a free market principal and not as an arm of official policy. "It will compete in the market place on even terms with other institutions."

As yet, a board has not been constituted, nor are any premises earmarked for the bank, which is expected to start operations around the turn of the year.

Mr Edgar C. Felton, a vice-president of Morgan Guaranty Trust and the expected executive director of the new bank, was unable to say yesterday in what fields the new bank would specialize.

A significant aspect of the founding of the new bank is that it will break the Kuwaiti dominance of Arab merchant banking in London.

Profit from Dexion 'insider' dealings going to charity

A £2,000 profit made by Mr I. S. McKerchar as a result of "insider" dealings in Dexion-Comino International shares last year is to be donated to charity, following a Takeover Panel ruling.

The panel has reprimanded Mr McKerchar, and the appeal committee has dismissed an appeal that publication was too severe a penalty.

In a statement last night the panel said that Mr McKerchar had visited Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, on July 19 to discuss its proposal that he should be appointed to Dexion's board, but he was then told that the situation had changed because a bid was about to be made, although no price was mentioned.

Mr McKerchar "frankly informed the panel" that he had received the information in circumstances which put him under a clear obligation of confidentiality.

He was subsequently told of rumours of a bid for Dexion by his brokers and instructed them to buy 20,000 shares and sell them on July 25 as he would be away. When he returned from holiday he learned that The Stock Exchange was investigating dealings between July 22 and July 24.

Although his dealings were outside these dates, Mr McKerchar wrote to Kleinwort saying that, in view of the Dexion share price rise, he thought the bid had become general knowledge. On reflection he thought he had made a mistake and would be prepared to pay the profit to charity.

He later wrote to the panel in similar terms, but the panel ruled that even if there were rumours, he knew they were true and "was thus an insider".

He had entered into the transaction "without giving serious thought at the time to the grave implications under the City Code", the panel said, and also took into account "his reputation for integrity and the immediate and voluntary disclosure".

The panel is still investigating dealings in Dexion. Its shares rose from 12p to 16½p between June 30 and July 19 last year and then climbed further before a 33p cash offer was made by Interlake Inc of America.

How the markets moved

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Rises

Ass Fisheries	4p to 40p	Incledon & L	5p to 43p		
Audiotronic	4p to 32p	Kent MP	3p to 32p		
Avon Rubber	7p to 63p	Lloyds Bk	7p to 227p		
Beecham	11p to 272p	Shell	11p to 297p		
Bk of Ireland	35p to 470p	Sun Alliance	12p to 447p		
EMI	11p to 170p	Tang Cons	30p to 187p		
Imp Chem Ind	7p to 248p	Tecalemit	5p to 30p		

Falls

Ang Ecuador	3p to 37p	Imp Cold Stor	5p to 130p		
Barclays Bk	5p to 275p	Inf Hldgs	15p to 845p		
Broken Hill	5p to 620p	Peko Wallsend	5p to 205p		
Dutton For	2p to 19p	Sandeman G.	5p to 50p		
Feedex	2p to 33p	Silvermines	5p to 44p		
Hawker Sidd	4p to 278p	Teacher	5p to 168p		
Heenan Spark	3p to 8p	Warren J.	6p to 108p		

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.80	1.75
Austria Sch	40.25	38.25
Belgium Fr	86.25	83.50
Canada $	2.43	2.38
Denmark Kr	13.20	12.80
Finland Mkk	8.55	8.30
France Fr	9.70	9.40
Germany DM	5.65	5.45
Greece Dr	70.25	68.00
Hongkong $	11.60	11.25
Italy Lr	1480.00	1440.00
Japan Yn	710.00	685.00
Netherlands Gld	5.75	5.55
Norway Kr	11.85	11.50
Portugal Esc	55.00	56.00
S Africa Rd	1.87	1.80
Spain Pes	133.25	128.25
Sweden Kr	9.45	9.15
Switzerland Fr	6.05	5.85
US $	2.38	2.33
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	38.00

Rates for bank notes only. As supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply in travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Equities maintained their recent firmness.

Gilts were better at the longer end.

Sterling closed 30 pts up at $2.3415. The "effective devaluation" rate was 22.8 per cent.

Gold rose 75 cents to $166.75 an ounce.

SDR—$ was 1.24795 on Thursday, while SDR—£ was 0.532995.

Commodities: Reuters' commodity index rose by 4.4 points to 1,668.3.

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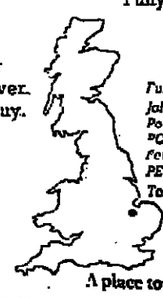

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EEC bows to British pressure over level of shipyard aid

From David Cross
Brussels, May 8

Under pressure from Britain and other EEC member governments, the European Commission has climbed down from its interventionist approach to national shipbuilding aids.

Draft plans to restrict the level of aids which may be given to shipyards by national governments are now so flexible that they meet many of the objections raised by member states.

The new Commission initiative agreed in Brussels this week is designed to update the so-called draft third directive on the coordination of the Nine's aids to their shipyards. Since the original draft was approved by the Commission in October 1973, member governments have been dragging their feet over its adoption.

The old directive would have stopped direct government subsidies wherever these were lower than 5 per cent of the cost of a ship. Aids above that level would have had to be lowered to 5 per cent in the first year and 4 per cent thereafter.

The amended plans would allow production subsidies to be maintained at their present level until the end of this year. Thereafter direct aids would have to be gradually reduced with special exceptions for Italy, Ireland and France.

In its updated draft the Commission has also abandoned its original view that member governments must obtain its permission before granting investment aids above £2m.

This condition, which was anathema to the British Government's views on sovereignty, has been replaced by the obligation simply to inform the Commission about any state aids of more than £2.5m on a regular basis.

In response to mainly British objections, the Commission also has toned down its original insistence that emergency shipbuilding aids must be subject to its approval in advance.

The only controversial element in the new draft is the suggestion that member governments should approve the amended directive by a qualified majority instead of unanimously.

It remains to be seen how the British will react to this idea, which would undermine any veto which the Government might want to impose.

The Commission is hoping that member governments will approve its new plans by the middle of this year. Presumably no decision can be expected until the EEC referendum is out of the way.

Peter Hill writes: The proposed directive amounts to an endorsement of existing national aids and a curb on new forms of assistance for Community shipbuilding industries.

In the discussions which have been taking place over the past few months, Britain has been very much on the sidelines in view of the uncertainty about her continued membership of the EEC and the prospect of the industry's nationalization.

Britain phased out the construction subsidies scheme for shipbuilding last year.

London Co-op gives warning on liquidity

By David Young

The London Co-operative Society says in its annual report that it is short of liquid capital and unless this can be overcome, its development programme will be cut.

The society's sales last year were £141m—17.6 per cent more than in the previous year, and £2.85m has been distributed to shareholders in the form of dividend stamps and share interest.

The report adds that sales staff wages are on average £3 a week more than in comparable multiple stores and that only by achieving a high rate of sales growth can rising costs be met.

The John Lewis partnership announced yesterday that despite sales rising last year by 20 per cent over the previous year, to £251m, bonuses within the organization had been cut to the equivalent of 13 per cent of pay.

The previous year bonuses were 15 per cent of pay, which in turn was 5 per cent less than at the end of the previous year.

The latest figures show that sales for the group's 17 department stores rose by 15 per cent to £159m, sales in the 54 Waitrose supermarkets by 31 per cent to £87m and wholesale and manufacturing sales by 25 per cent to nearly £5m. Trading profit increased by 8½ per cent to £17.95m.

Crown Agents' sterling deposits rise by £166m

By Our Financial Staff

Sterling deposits placed with the Crown Agents by its overseas principals rose from £191m to £357m last year, it is revealed in the Agents' annual review.

This was despite what Mr John Cuckney, the chairman, describes as a "troubled background" for Crown Agents' operations, culminating in a formal request last December for government support of £85m.

Non-sterling deposits rose from the equivalent of $287m (about £126m) to $517m, having touched $628m in October. This bears out earlier reports that official confirmation of government backing for the Agents led to a swift improvement in confidence among overseas principals.

Mr Cuckney says the board has decided not to include a provisional consolidated balance sheet and revenue account with the annual review.

American wholesale prices up for first time in six months

From Frank Vogl
Washington, May 8

Wholesale prices in the United States rose in April for the first time since last November, largely because of the expected gains in food prices.

The wholesale price index rose last month by a seasonally adjusted 1.5 per cent, the largest monthly gain in six months. This compares with an actual 0.5 per cent decline in March.

Food prices soared ahead in April by a seasonally adjusted 4.8 per cent, after declining by an average of around 2.5 per cent in all of the last four months. Industrial commodity prices rose by only an adjusted 0.1 per cent last month, the same rate as the previous month, the Bureau of Labour Statistics reported.

The index has increased by 12.7 per cent to 172.1 in the last 12 months, but, despite the gain in April, the compound seasonally adjusted annual rate for the past three months is just 0.6 per cent.

Reports from agricultural regions in recent weeks warned experts of the likelihood of a big rise in wholesale food prices, but the seasonally adjusted 4.8 per cent gain was greater than many people expected.

The recession continues to depress industrial commodity price rises, but for the months ahead most experts recognize that the state of food production and the harvests will be the prime influence on the inflation indicators.

Government officials and many leading businessmen, however, remain confident about the inflation outlook and they do not believe that the general upswing in economic activity, expected in the second half of the year, will add greatly to the situation.

Alaska to tax untapped oil and gas reserves

Juneau, Alaska, May 7.—The Alaskan House of Representatives has voted a tax on oil and gas reserves in Prudhoe Bay, years before the North Slope oil and gas is piped to market.

The tax, which may generate up to $250m (£108m) a year, would expire in 1978, about the time the trans-Alaska pipeline begins moving oil south. Governor Jay Hammond supports the tax.

The Bill was approved despite heavy opposition from big oil companies and regional corporations with petroleum interests. The tax could raise about five times as much revenue as is now collected annually from the industry.

However, Prudhoe Bay operators would be able to recover the payments in two years under a rebate formula allowing them to credit the tax against future severance taxes.

British Petroleum and Sohio, which owns 53 per cent of the oil and 31 per cent of the natural gas at Prudhoe Bay, would carry about half the tax burden. Exxon Corporation and Atlantic Richfield would have to pick up most of the remaining payments.

Whether the rebate would be a true credit remained to be seen. The legislature is likely to raise production taxes before Prudhoe Bay is tapped, and the effect of any rebate could be absorbed by the increase.

Native objections to the tax were softened by exemptions which narrowed its reach solely to Prudhoe Bay, leased to the industry about six years ago by the state.

Under the Bill, proven reserves would be exempted for five years after a discovery well was sunk, or until a pipe line permit was issued for the field.—AP-Dow Jones.

Shipbuilders want takeover compensation improved

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Britain's shipbuilders are to press the Government to revise its compensation terms for the takeover of the shipbuilding, ship repairing and marine engineering industries when they meet Mr Wedgwood Benn, Industry Secretary, on Monday.

The meeting, which follows an invitation from Mr Benn, will be the first between the minister and officials of the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association since Mr Benn published his consultative document on the takeover plans last summer.

During the past two days the SRNA has been discussing the details of the Bill for the nationalization of the industry with its legal advisers.

Despite Mr Benn's assertions to the contrary, the shipbuilders claim that the compensation terms outlined by the Government are unfair and unrealistic.

The shipbuilders are clearly hopeful of exploiting the difficulty which the Industry Secretary is having in promoting the progress of the Bill because of the congested parliamentary timetable. It now appears most unlikely that the Bill will receive a second reading until after the Whitsun recess.

Apart from the compensation issue, the SRNA delegation, which will be led by Mr A. Ross Belch, its president, will seek clarification on a number of other issues.

It will reaffirm the case for a clear statement of government policy for the shipbuilding industry in terms of a timetable for nationalization so that yards can plan effectively and for some indication of the organizational structure of the proposed British Shipbuilders.

Gulf replies on bribery claims

Gulf Oil has assured the governments of Ecuador and Venezuela that none of their politicians has demanded bribes from the oil company.

Venezuela gave the company 48 hours to disclose the names of any Venezuelans involved in bribery allegations made by Gulf to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Cut agents' commission, Pan Am told

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The Government has toughened its attitude towards Pan American over the level of commission for travel agents by ordering it to pay no more than 7.5 per cent.

And the Department of Trade gave a warning: "Failure to confirm that they will comply with this variation could lead the Secretary of State to consider whether he should revoke or suspend any or all of their operating permits."

Pan Am startled the world airline industry recently with an announcement that it would pay its agents 10 per cent commission, instead of 7 per cent if it exceeded in any one month 90 per cent of the business which it did in the same period last year.

The airline said it had decided on this course of action in an effort to expose "under-the-counter" commission payments being made by many airlines over and above the 7 per cent limit laid down by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Revocation by the Government of Pan Am's licences to fly into Britain would cause a diplomatic incident between Britain and the United States, with the permits of British Airways to operate into America immediately at risk.

Pan Am said in London last night, "We are submitting our response to the Department of Trade in the morning. It will include the challenging of certain aspects of their statement. The US State Department is watching the situation very carefully."

Record exports of £180m for UK aircraft industry

Figures published yesterday showing that the British aircraft industry achieved record exports in the first three months of 1975 of £180m were accompanied by a warning against complacency on market prospects for the future.

Sir Richard Smeeton, director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, who said recently that customers were beginning, "to peel off and look elsewhere" as a result of the threat of government ownership of the industry, said yesterday: "Current debate of such controversial issues is clouding the need for decisions."

Sir Richard said that new projects may take seven to ten years before entry into service, and any delay now could have serious consequences on the industry's export drive into the 1980s.

Krupp puts 8,500 on short time

From Peter Norman
Bonn, May 8

Fried Krupp Hüttenwerke the steel making arm of the Krupp group, plans to introduce short time working for about 8,500 of its workers from May 16 for an unspecified period.

The company has decided to cut back the employees' working week to 32 hours because of the continuing slump in demand for steel on world markets.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dubious grounds for banning bread discounts

From Mr E. J. Hawkins

Sir, Mrs Shirley Williams's attitude to price control of the baking industry is hard to understand. Surely she cannot want to eliminate competition altogether? If she does, she ought to say so, and at least withdraw the current reference of the industry to the Monopolies Commission, which is being asked to pronounce on what still remains of competition after years of government efforts to restrict it.

The mere fact that bread is subsidized is no reason why the bakers should not be allowed to compete against each other on price (by offering varying rates of discount to retailers). What other form of competition is possible when the product is homogeneous? Mrs Williams evidently objects to price competition on the grounds that it is being "financed" by the consumer through the subsidy. This is a dubious argument, and begs the question of whether the bakers actually want the subsidy, but even if it were valid, Mrs Williams has an alternative solution at her disposal, ie, to tighten up profit controls on retailers. The retailer who is doing too well out of high discounts on bread will be forced to reduce his prices as a whole and the consumer would thus benefit indirectly from the bread subsidy. As the bread subsidy is in itself an unselective and pointless waste of resources, this would be no bad thing.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. HAWKINS,
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Oxted, Surrey.
May 7.

Too little regard for BLMC shareholders

From Mr L. G. Seary

Sir, As a shareholder in British Leyland I must protest at the complete bypassing of our interests by the directors and the British Government, in a way which appears to me to be highly unconstitutional. Whilst one has every sympathy with the desire to preserve jobs, there has been scant regard for the interests and rights of shareholders, as laid down by the various Companies Acts in force.

In purchasing British Leyland shares originally I, and no doubt other people, were induced to do so not only because of the yield and growth possibilities, but by the fact that the shares were soundly backed by an asset value per share. From memory, in the last published balance-sheet, this was approximately 44p, and the offer from the British Government to purchase shares at 10p therefore bears little relativity to the breakup value of the shares. One would have imagined that the correct procedure to be followed should have been that an extraordinary general meeting would have been called to consider winding up the company and, resulting therefrom, it is likely that a liquidator would have been appointed. If the Government were then anxious to preserve the jobs they could have negotiated with the liquidator for the purchase of the business on a "going concern" basis which would, of necessity, have had to be nearer to the last shown breakup value of the assets.

A financial correspondent in one of the wellknown Sunday papers recently suggested that if pressure was brought to bear for this to be done, then it was likely the Government would immediately introduce legislation to counteract such a move, or that the workers would stage a "sit-in" and the liquidator would be unable to perform his task.

To what depths of lawlessness have we sunk when constitutional rights and Acts can be bypassed by instant law, made retrospective where it is deemed expedient by a group of politicians. Moreover, any suggestion of a "sit-in" is tantamount to anarchy which should not be tolerated by the authorities. Surely the time has come for the shareholders of British Leyland to stand firm and insist on constitutional rights, and to thwart any attempt to undermine the rights of those who have invested their savings in companies of their choice.

Yours sincerely,
L. G. SEARY,
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May 7.

Need to simplify VAT

From Mr C. H. Summers

Sir, Mr H. E. Truman's letter on May 5 is timely. One of the advantages VAT has over Purchase Tax is that retailers do not have tax paid locked up in unsold stocks.

Because the burden of VAT is borne by the unregistered consumer, it is essentially a retail sales tax but, unlike a normal retail sales tax, it is collected not only by the trader or other purveyor of goods and services who sells to the unregistered consumer, but also by every importer, producer, manufacturer, wholesaler and other retailer concerned with providing the goods so sold. Yet the aggregate amount of tax paid to Customs is the same as if it had been wholly collected from the final retailer.

The transition from the present VAT to a simpler retail sales tax is perfectly feasible and ought to be examined as it would result in enormous savings in tax collection. At present, all persons who supply goods and services within the VAT range to a value of at least £5,000 per annum must be registered with Customs and Excise and are allotted a registered number.

Each must report quarterly the tax charged to him on his inputs and the tax charged by him on his outputs following which there is an accounting for the difference.

How much simpler if registered traders and others were permitted to be supplied with goods and services required for their businesses or professions without being charged VAT on the cost—they would merely have to adopt the purchase tax procedure of quoting their registration numbers on their orders.

They would make periodic returns to Customs of tax charged to unregistered customers and would no longer be concerned with input tax (there would not be any) or sales to registered customers.

The effect of an alternative simpler retail sales tax of this nature would be:
1 No loss to the Revenue.
2 No difference in the tax paid by the unregistered consumer.
3 A saving in the cost of collecting tax from registered traders who sell wholly or mainly to other registered traders.
4 An improvement in the cash flow of registered retailers.
5 Simplification in the calculation of tax liability and completion of returns.

Yours faithfully,
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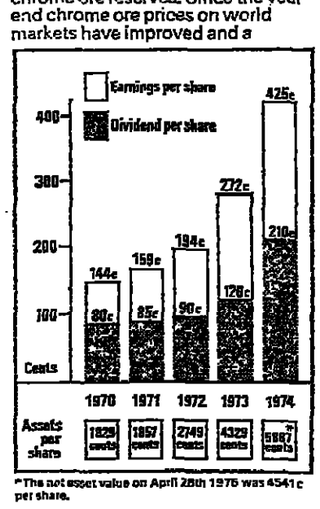
FINANCIAL RESULTS
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders for 1974 increased by 57% to R22,452,000. The dividend has been increased by 90c to 210c.

NEW BUSINESS
As you will know, the General Mining Group has acquired an interest of slightly less than 30% in Union Corporation with the aid of a new loan of U.S. $85 million. General Mining is now the major shareholder in that company. This matter called for a large amount of attention by management during the past year, and we are very satisfied with the result. Mutual Board representation has already been arranged and we are looking forward to an interesting period of co-operation between the two mining houses.

As a result of further rationalisation of the chrome mining industry General Mining now controls four producing mines and through those companies has large chrome ore reserves. Since the year end chrome ore prices on world markets have improved and a satisfactory contribution to profits is expected during the current year. The construction of a ferro chrome plant in South Africa has already commenced in conjunction with Union Carbide Corporation.



*The net asset value on April 28th 1975 was 4541c per share.

MINERAL EXPLORATION
Mineral exploration is being continued on an extensive scale. Details of the nature of these activities and of the potentially viable ore deposits already discovered are given in the annual report.

In regard to the company's activities in the Southern Free State, I wish to emphasise that this is a regional, reconnaissance investigation in its early stage. Options over an extensive target area have been consolidated and geophysical surveys are being carried out in the area.

The objective is to utilise this information, as well as strategically placed boreholes, in the systematic interpretation of the deeper-seated geological structure below the thick layer of Karroo-formations covering this area. There is no proof at this stage of any geological formations of economic significance.

PROSPECTS FOR 1975
Gold:—There are a number of factors which materially influence the company's business. The tendency of the gold price during the current year is probably one of the most important. In my view, the free market price for gold reached a sound, consolidated level during 1974, and I believe that the encouraging course of the gold price during recent years holds promise of further increases in the future.

The availability of sufficient Black labour at the gold mines is also an important factor in the company's business. Unrest and rioting among Black workers in the industry has been an unfortunate feature of events. However, tons milled increased on four of the five mines managed by the Group. In the circumstances it is quite clear to us that increased productivity, reduced costs, and improvement in the supply of, and in the payment and care of our Black labour force are of fundamental importance, and action along these lines is in progress.

Base Minerals:—Although the tendency of world prices for base minerals is a material factor in our profit expectations, the prices of most of the minerals in which the Group specialises are at present higher than during the previous year, and we do not expect any significant decreases during the coming year. The limiting factor in this regard is, however, the availability of adequate rail transport and port loading facilities.

Industrial Interests:—The Group is specifically active in basic industries which are less susceptible to short-term economic changes. Nevertheless, despite certain factors which give cause for concern, an improved contribution to the Group profit for 1975 is expected.

Coal:—The full extent of our commitments in respect of expansion as well as the possible contributions by foreign sources of finance should be determined during the year. Thereafter a suitable long-term financing programme must be formulated.

Subject to the reservations mentioned above, and notwithstanding the additional shares resulting from the Rights Issue we nevertheless expect satisfactory growth in earnings for 1975. As stated in the prospectus, it is expected that the dividend for 1975 will be at least 210c per share.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the London Secretary, Friars House, 39/41 New Broad Street, London, EC2M 1NJ.

BANCA D'AMERICA E D'ITALIA

Limited Company—Head Office: MILAN, Via Manzoni, 5

The Ordinary Annual General Meeting of shareholders was held on April 29th 1975 and approved the Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 31st December 1974.

The year's results showed a net profit of Lit. 2,238,054,447 (against Lit. 1,829,692,266 in 1973), thus allowing the distribution of a dividend of Lit. 35 for each of the 45,500,000 shares of Lit. 100 nominal value, comprising the paid-up capital.

The results of the Balance Sheet show further progress in the Bank's dealings and are characterized as follows:

—a smooth development of activity in all operative sectors, with expansion especially in the sector of clients' deposits and current accounts (an increase of 20.10%);

—a further increase in investment within the limits deriving from notable selective credit measures (an increase of 19.93%).

—a well-balanced system of management with a flexible policy, practised on an extensive range of operations and services, to suit the most diversified needs of production and family credit assistance.

—a code of practice which falls within the continuity of efficient and profitable management and which responds to the changing developments of our time.

Fully paid-up capital	Lit.	4,550,000,000
Reserves	Lit.	6,800,000,000
Tax Reserve Funds	Lit.	34,797,937,908
Year's Net Profit	Lit.	2,238,054,447
Deposits	Lit.	1,147,762,801,675
Investments (loans to clients, bank credits, securities)	Lit.	817,805,659,508

The above dividend of Lit. 35 per share, being the maximum allowed by law, has been payable at all counters of the Bank since 30th April, 1975.

The Extraordinary Meeting, following the Annual General Meeting, decided to increase the paid-up capital from Lit. 4,550,000,000 to Lit. 6,370,000,000 and thence for lump sums of Lit. 1,820,000,000, corresponding to 18,200,000 shares, each with a nominal value of Lit. 100, of which 9,100,000 are for settlement (1 new share against 5 old), and 9,100,000 are to be allotted freely to shareholders in the same ratio, in consideration of the imputation of a capital of Lit. 910,000,000, representing part of the remaining profit.

The Board of Management of Akzo N.V. announces that on 6th may 1975, the results for the first quarter of 1975 were published.
Copies of this quarterly report may be obtained from the London Paying Agent:

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Arnhem, 9th may 1975

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Nationalization and Vickers

As if there were not enough question-marks overhanging any valuation of Vickers given the coming nationalization of the shipbuilding and aerospace interests, it looks as if the group will do well to hold profits this year.

The minor fall in the value of outstanding orders at the year-end (from £378m to £365m) may not tell us that much, given the varying incidence of major shipbuilding contracts, but the picture appears to be that incoming orders were falling away noticeably in some areas during the last quarter of 1974, particularly in the engineering division. The position is still holding up fairly well at Roneo Vickers and Howson Algraphy but, ironically, it looks as if the best bets for maintained performances are going to be shipbuilding and BAC.

In that case a great deal clearly depends on whether or not the group's ongoing interests will be showing fresh growth by the time the shipbuilding and BAC interests disappear—mid 1976?—for certainly the prospect of Vickers receiving payment based on the February, 1974, position but in 1976 pounds is not a particularly inviting one. Just how much Vickers is going to receive by way of compensation remains anyone's guess, but using the relevant group capitalization of some £46m as a starting point for working back to a value for the shipbuilding interests scarcely looks promising.

What is clear, however, is that Vickers is not going to receive enough to generate the kind of profits it is about to lose—the more so if the Government takes a firm line on the sharp increase—over £8m—in the dividends drawn from BAC last year.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £63.8m
Net assets £135m (£117m)
Borrowings £42.6m (£21.5m)
Pre-tax profit £25.9m (£18.2m)
Earnings per share 27.2p (20p)

Lord Robens, chairman of Vickers: falling intake of new orders

Brandts

Waiting for Citibank

It is becoming clear that more was at stake in the withdrawal of Brandts from the prestigious Accepting Houses Committee than mere loss of management independence following the debacle in the property market. The reason given for the decision by Grindlays Bank, Brandts' parent, was that it would in future be assuming a much more active role in the running of Brandts. Indeed, it is expected to take on most of the sterling lending business itself, and in the long run the rest of Brandts seems likely to be incorporated into Grindlays in all except name.

But while there is a fundamental unwillingness to include among members of the Accepting Houses Committee a bank with negligible independence, the crux of the issue is who will control Grindlays—and hence Brandts—itself. It now seems virtually certain that the pending Grindlays restructuring package will involve the aggressive First National City Bank of New York, raising its stake from 41 to 49 per cent. Thereafter Citibank is expected to take much more active participation in management than hitherto and may, therefore, have effective control of Grindlays.

So not only would Brandts find itself reporting back in much more detail than it did before but would also find itself indirectly reporting back to an American bank. The Bank of England has relaxed its rules on accepting house ownership to the point of allowing clearing banks and possibly even other European banks to take them over—if they agree—but it still, very strictly, draws the line at non-European control. There was thus no alternative to Brandts' withdrawal from the committee, and the Bank apparently raised no objections to the resignation.

Capitol

Fourth quarter hopes

To judge from EMI's share price, up 11p to 170p yesterday, the market had already taken to heart the rather grim warnings emanating from Capitol at the interim stage. Capitol now reports net losses of $577,000, or $0.18 per share for the third quarter to the end of March, bringing net income for the first nine months of the year down from $8.2m to $3.3m, against a fall from $5.6m to $3.9m by the end of the second quarter.

Volume has been the problem, with depressed consumer demand in North America and a sharp 31.5 per cent sales drop in the last reported three-month period. Forecasts of an improvement in the fourth quarter strike, perhaps, a rather more encouraging note than that in EMI's own recent rights document, which did not envisage a revival in North American demand before the end of the year.

Nine months: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Sales $94.5m ($110.4m)
Income $3.4m ($7.6m)
Earnings per share $1.01 ($1.67)

Ocean Transport

Charter sums

At first sight there is nothing in anticipated investment of £48m in the current year—as against £43m last time—to bear out Ocean Transport and Trading's claim to be trimming its capital spending programme. But in fact capital commitments overall have come back from £91.6m to £76.6m; and if the group still has ships due for delivery into 1977, there are virtually no new orders being placed.

That is partly a reflection of uncertainties in some of the areas in which the group operates; but it is also a reflection of the outlook for cash flow this year, when Ocean wants to keep bank borrowings—up from £6.7m to £10.7m net at the year-end, but since reduced by receipt of the £14m proceeds of the sale of Troilus—cut hard back in an attempt to clip interest charges which rose last year from £8.95m to £11.4m.

The gloomier cash-flow prospects do not relate entirely to the impact of reduced world trade on the group's liner trades, or, indeed, on its recently very lucrative 49 per cent stake in OCL. There is also the matter of the Titan, whose charterer, Mr Reksten, has asked for renegotiation of the terms.

Ocean stands to lose up to £1m in pre-tax income here, and could, at the worst, also be faced with lay-up costs and interest and capital repayments: but the scope for damage is limited by the fact that Titan, as one of the first vlccs, was purchased relatively cheaply. The same arguments apply, but to a very limited extent, to the Tantalus.

Such considerations, however, have to be offset against the group's strength elsewhere in shipping, and its healthy non-shipping interests. If, as seems likely, the current year sees the worst of the downturn in world trade—for the time being at any rate—then there should be an improvement in underlying profitability before the Tantalus, which has been employed at very good rates, comes off charter.

Meanwhile, the yield, an attractive 9.5 per cent at 98½p, looks all the safer for the decrease in borrowings other than shipbuilding loans; and although the shares may be affected by sentiment on the news from the shipping sector later in the year, Ocean is in fact sufficiently well-spread to weather these troubled waters without undue difficulty. It might pay to postpone a purchase for six months; but the shares are not a sell.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £86.2m
Net assets £150m (£142m)
Borrowings £94.9m (£92.8m)
Pre-tax profit £28.98m (£19.08m)
Earnings per share 13.24p (7.89p)

Automotive Products

Forecasting more

Automotive Products' forecast of improved profits this year (admittedly against a 1974 result somewhat depressed by special factors like the three-day week) looks fairly brave. And obviously it assumes continuing buoyancy in the replacement part market to offset falling original equipment demand.

AP's involvement in the replacement market increased last year through the acquisition of International Auto Safety Centres, Units of Leicester and Automotive Supplies Company. All three came in towards the end of the year so that their contribution, apart from something on sales, was a hefty write-off of goodwill acquired. This was the main item behind the £1.2m extraordinary items deduction below the line.

Stocking these new subsidiaries is helping volume, though there is also some evidence that restocking is beginning to follow destocking by factors and other trade outlets. An increased trend towards DIY auto repairs, to save inflationary garage bills, would obviously help here, though non-essential repairs might equally well be postponed indefinitely if the economic squeeze tightens. Accessory sales must obviously be vulnerable, too. Meanwhile AP's heavy dependence on British Leyland, Ford and Chrysler for original equipment sales needs little further elaboration.

Though margins improved from 4 per cent to 7¼ per cent between the two halves of last year, cost inflation will have eroded that improvement in the first half of this year given the statutory six months delay in recovering costs increases. AP's suggestion that the first half will not be good can be taken for granted, then, and the impact of second half selling price increases will presumably depend on demand. At 25p where the p/e ratio is around 5, the shares will probably lean on the 9.3 per cent yield despite the fairly bullish forecast.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £9.4m
Sales £82.4m (£69.1m)
Pre-tax Profits £4.73m (£6.1m)
Earnings per share 5.2p (8.9p)
Dividend gross 2.326p (2.067p)

John Whitmore discusses the lessons of the Rolls-Royce experience

Is Whitehall equipped to handle Leyland?

This morning British Leyland shareholders will be asked to sanction a major increase in the company's borrowing powers. They will then probably have another few weeks before being called together once more to sanction, or resist, whatever formal recommendations their board may put to them on the Ryder proposals.

But unhappy though the plight of British Leyland's shareholders may be, of much greater importance now is what lies in store for those to whom the shareholders will shortly cede control and the future financial burden—namely, that much larger body, the taxpayer.

Whether or not the implementation of the Ryder proposals will, in fact, prove to be an admirable long-term use of the taxpayers' resources is not something on which I propose to speculate here. Given that the Government has decided to back British Leyland's future plans and financial needs—conditionally, anyway—the vital question must concern the state's ability to establish a more fruitful shareholder/company relationship than has been the case to date.

This is a question that concerns not just the case of British Leyland: there are all the other companies on the Government's shopping list that need to be considered, too.

The question is, of course, highlighted more boldly than ever at the moment by the Finniston affair—and there are obvious lessons to be derived from that. But when one is talking about the extension of public ownership beyond the basic sectors of the economy a logical case history to examine is that of Rolls-Royce.

While it is certainly possible to point to major dissimilarities between the Rolls position in 1971 and the Leyland situation today, what is more important is what they share in common—first, a requirement for substantial long-term finance that the private sector feels it is unable to provide and, secondly, an importance in the economy as large employers (both direct and indirect) and exporters that no government can afford to ignore.

Certainly, there are a number of factors that make the history of Rolls-Royce (1971)'s relationship with its new shareholders less instructive than it might be. But, for all that, there still appear to be a number of important lessons that need to be heeded.

Why Rolls fails to make a perfect case history arises quite simply from the fact that the company was taken over in largely different circumstances from those that surround the proposed Leyland takeover. While the new Rolls management was given a clear mandate by the Tory government of the day to secure a soundly-based British aero-engine business with a long-term future, actual discussion and planning of that future had to take second place to sorting out the company's immediate problems.

Above all else the RB211 contract had to be renegotiated and the engine completed, delivered and seen to run successfully. Then there was the lengthy and highly complex question of settling how much the Government was prepared to allow the new company to pay for the assets it had bought from the Receiver.

Just resolving all these questions and allowing new management to acclimatize has, in fact, absorbed the larger part of the last four and a half years.

Also, it can be said that the economic background, particularly since the oil crisis, has hardly been one that has made it easy to sit down and draw up comprehensive plans on, say, a 10 to 15 year view.

That said, it appears that top management has consistently found its dealings with Whitehall time-consuming, frustrating and relatively unproductive. Not that it is particularly critical of individuals in Whitehall, nor of those individuals' intellectual capacity or integrity. But what has come home all too clearly at Rolls is that the Whitehall machine as at present constituted and oriented is totally inadequate for the tasks being asked of it.

What does Rolls mean by that? First, it means that there is a gross shortage of manpower at the top levels in Whitehall. Secondly, such manpower as there is, talented though it may be in many respects, suffers from a notable absence of commercial experience.

This comes home particularly strongly in the case of Rolls, because it is not a company that can be treated simply as a cog in the domestic economic wheel; it is a company that has to fight for its existence in a cut-throat international market.

Thirdly, Rolls has enormous difficulty in talking the same language as Whitehall on long-term planning and the concepts of commercial risk. Whereas Whitehall planning, particularly budgetary planning, concentrates on six to 12-month parameters and calculable permutations, Rolls is dealing with the need for a financial commitment to a family of aero-engines that will probably have a lifespan of 25 to 40 years—and, like a new car model, could prove a failure.

That the first decade of an aero-engine's life is largely the development stage—which will automatically entail a large negative cash flow—is in itself off-putting enough to the Treasury. That financial projections over the life of an engine are simply not mathematically possible apparently goes beyond the bounds of present Whitehall comprehension.

The other side of the coin, as I have already pointed out, is that until the last year or so Rolls management has not had that much time to draw up really long-term plans. It has submitted two five-year plans to the Government over the last couple of years but, given the unpredictability of the economic outlook, has been happy enough to drop them and settle for interim finance.

This, however, is a situation that Rolls management believes cannot go on much longer. The company will have to start playing a greater role in financing the RB 211 off its own bat later this year and also needs to know how far government backing will go for the RB 211-524. What it wants is a directive from the Government on how the future of the company should be planned and an undertaking that the Government will then back those plans to the hilt.

Inevitably, one also asks to what extent wage budgeting has been affected by nationalization. The view here is that not a great deal has changed, though management has noticed a growing tendency recently for people to talk of the Treasury as being able to pay for anything and everything.

Certainly the problem is not an easy one, as illustrated by last year's strike in Scotland. Management received no open backing from the Government in resisting a pay claim outside the social contract, but was promptly criticized by the Government when it gave way because of the costly effect the strike was having on other parts of the business.

In short, there is a very obvious message from the Rolls experience. And that is that whatever the general pros and cons of public ownership, there is simply not the machinery available for the Government to be able to act as an efficient shareholder.

While it might be argued that building up the National Enterprise Board and decentralizing some of the decision-making would go some way to solving this problem, assembling the manpower capable of appreciating the corporate problems involved is far from being the same as creating a body that can take sound and speedy commercial decisions.

Turning your television set into a push-button information sheet

Kenneth Owen

Unseen by all but a few of Britain's millions of television viewers special signals of great importance are quietly being carried "on the back" of *Top of the Pops*, *Tomorrow's World* and other regular BBC 1 programmes.

When unscrambled these signals produce silent "pages" of information which are displayed on the television screen at the press of a button. At present these "magazine" pages cover sports, business news, weather information and the like; over the next 10 to 15 years they could well lead to a revolution in domestic and business telecommunications.

The generic name of this technology is "teletext". The experimental BBC service, known as Ceefax, has been transmitted regularly since last September and a similar service, called Oracle, will be introduced by ITV next month.

Earlier this week Texas Instruments, Bedford, an offshoot of one of the largest American semiconductor companies, produced another codeword—Tifax. This is the name of the company's data processor—a cluster of integrated circuits on a small printed-circuit board—which has been designed to decode and display teletext transmissions such as Ceefax and Oracle.

The television receivers so far used to demonstrate and test the experimental transmissions have been specially made laboratory units (using decoders made up from off-the-shelf components) costing between £650 and £1,000 each. The significance of the Texas Instruments announcement—that the company is going into production with Tifax—is that it marks the first move towards a standard decoder which will be available in quantity.

Tifax decoders should be in volume production early next year and are expected to sell for about £50. This could mean an increase in retail price for a teletext-equipped television set of perhaps £100, with large price reductions probable later.

Texas Instruments' initiative is likely to be followed by a strong response from the British-owned semiconductor industry—that is, from GEC, Plessey and Ferranti. GEC contributed to the early work which led to the joint British teletext standard agreed in March, 1974, and the three companies are now discussing a proposed collaborative teletext decoder programme which could well qualify for loan support from the Department of Industry.

Agreement on the British standard specification was reached by a teletext working group (including representatives from the television industry, the BBC and ITV) led by Kenneth Spencer, of Decca, and Keith Jones, of Thorn. Their intention was that the United Kingdom system would be suitable for use on the Continent as well as in Britain; the results of tests in Sweden and Germany (where VHF transmissions are used for television instead of UHF as in Britain) are expected soon.

The British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association (BREMA) has meanwhile commissioned a market survey to determine whether television viewers are likely to want teletext services. Demonstrations and interviews with 1,000 people in eight cities are planned, after which teletext-equipped receivers will be provided on loan in people's homes for more extensive customer trials.

Early in 1976, it is expected, companies such as Decca, Thorn and GEC are likely to be offering modified sets in small numbers to dealers, even if the Ceefax and Oracle transmissions are still officially "experimental". Volumes and prices will depend largely on the result of BREMA's market research.

Another possible teletext-like development on the horizon is the Post Office's "Viewdata" project. Still in the research stage, this would provide access via telephone lines to files of information which would be displayed either on a normal television set (with an appropriate decoder) or on a special terminal.

This would involve some link between the telephone and the television or terminal. In the home, it is envisaged, television receivers would probably be used, while in business premises special-purpose terminals could be more appropriate.

Industry sources suggest that about 75 per cent of the parts found in a television receiver could be common to both teletext and Viewdata systems. They also claim that the two systems would be complementary, with the BBC and ITV providing national services and the Post Office providing local information.

This is not accepted by the Post Office, who are certainly keeping their options open both on the local versus national question and on the scope of the information which would be held on file. The commercial television companies, also, are certainly actively interested in regional teletext services, which could carry the equivalent of classified newspaper advertisements, for example.

In a recently published study* Timothy Johnson suggests that about half the total number of colour television purchasers are likely to want teletext decoders in the long term. This implies a decoder market worth perhaps £50m a year in Britain, with possibly a peak that could exceed £70m a year.

The consumer markets for teletext are the most important ones for the foreseeable future, Mr Johnson says, but there are other applications for the new medium which could eventually rival public broadcasting services in importance.

The most significant of these is business communications. In this role, companies and large organizations would lease a number of pages at fixed times every day and use them to send out up-to-date bulletins to all their branches or agents. The receivers would store the page when it had been broadcast for viewing whenever needed.

Beyond public broadcasting and communications, there are also potential computer-oriented markets. With a keyboard and a telephone interface, a teletext receiver could be quite cheaply transformed into a home computer terminal, for working on-line over the telephone network.

* (*Teletext. Data transmission by television*, by Timothy Johnson. Published by the *Financial Times*, London; £80.)

Business Diary: Banking on tradition • NEB's voice?

Now that the days of adventurous banking appear to be largely over it is ironic to see prizewinning the thrusting banks of yesteryear are turning, for their management, to men who can bring with them the traditional, if recently derided, domestic banking skills.

In Keyser Ullmann's case a senior man from Barclays was recruited as chairman, and now First National Finance Corporation is turning to the National Westminster Bank with the recruitment of Maurice Denton, executive joint managing director. Clearly, he is now the man at FNFC.

Denton, who is 51, has had a classic banking career. Born and educated in the East Riding Yorkshire he joined the bank as a clerk in 1940, since when he has worked his way steadily up the ladder. Latterly he became number two to George Arnett as deputy general manager of the domestic banking division, essentially overseeing NatWest's branch business in the United Kingdom.

As such his specialization is lending, which is a skill that FNFC has not shown itself particularly strong at during recent years. Just how Denton will do his job is hard to tell, however, since yesterday he was away on holiday.

Openness

One of the key posts in the new National Enterprise Board will be that of head of the information division, responsible for projecting the board's policies to the public at large. The post is particularly relevant because Secretary of State for Industry, Tony Benn, has constantly stressed his view that there needs to be much more openness in Government, with far greater disclosure of information about how public bodies come to their decisions.

One man whose name is being seriously considered, apparently, is Michael Cudlipp a former deputy editor of *The Times* and the first head of the London independent news radio station, LBC. Cudlipp is at present acting as press officer to Merlyn Rees, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, but that post is due to run out on June 1.

If he does get the NEB job, it will renew a family connexion with the NEB chairman, Sir Don Ryder; his uncle, Lord Cudlipp, was head of the IPC division of Reed during Sir Don's chairmanship of the group.

Krupp question

Is the Krupp group's chief executive, Ernst Wolff Mommsen, planning to retire? Mommsen, a former state secretary in the Bonn defence and economics ministries and still the close confidant of Chancellor Schmidt, has more than two years of his Krupp contract to serve. But German press reports say he wants to leave Krupp at the end of this year and that the concern's supervisory board will meet on May 22 to appoint a successor.

Krupp's reaction to the reports has been to keep silent. A spokesman would neither confirm nor deny them and while admitting that the supervisory board is due to meet on May 22 could not say whether the appointment of a new top manager is on the agenda. In support of the reports is the fact that Mommsen will be 65 on May 12.

Krupp's Mommsen: harmony.

Tipped as his successor is a true blue Krupp man, 56-year-old Heinz Petry. Petry has been with Krupp for almost 30 years and is the executive board member responsible for the group's engineering interests.

Rumours that differences between Mommsen and Krupp's supervisory board chairman, Berthold Beitz, may be behind the reported change are being strongly denied. When such rumours began to circulate at the beginning of March, Mommsen himself said the relationship between the two was one of "broad harmony".

Union creche

With International Women's Year now a third over it is surprising that the trade unions have waited so long to come up with a practical demonstration of support for its ideals. But the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs will rectify that at the weekend when it becomes the first union to have a creche at its annual conference.

Josephine Sinclair, who is helping to organize the creche, says that it will help to liberate both men and women who might otherwise not have been able to attend the conference because of the need to stay at home and look after the children. A quick look round union meetings tells you that it is the women who suffer most from this difficulty.

The idea is the brainchild of the ASTMS division 15 Action Committee on Sex Discrimination, which hopes crèches will become a permanent feature of not only its own union conference, but of all conferences.

Meanwhile the Civil and Public Services Association conference at Margate this week adopted a resolution calling for more day nurseries in government departments.

Trophy winners

When Chris Monnington, leader of a six-strong team from Ardingly College, stepped up to receive the Stockpiler Trophy at Stationers' Hall near St Paul's yesterday it was the culmination of six months' hard work in a period when professional stock market men had often operated much less successfully.

Starting with a notional £20,000 in October the team came at the head of a field of 1,067 syndicates from 643 schools by ending with a portfolio of shares worth just under £65,000. When the market was falling last year the initial emphasis had been on overseas issues, but when the turning point came at the beginning of January the switch to British securities was swift.

Latterly the team was attracted to the banking pitch and its £45,000 profit is the largest ever achieved in the three years of the competition. Their nearest rival was Reed's School, Cobham, with a portfolio of almost £49,000.

All six boys are due to take the newly introduced GCE examination in business studies this summer but, in time-honoured fashion, would not be drawn on whether their future would be in the Square Mile.

Stockpiler is sponsored by Williams & Glyns bank and organized by the British Junior Chambers of Commerce. The trophy was presented by Robert Fell, the Stock Exchange's new chief executive.

Air attack

GAMTA, the recently-formed General Aviation Manufacturers and Traders Association, is shaping up for its first big campaign. This is an effort to persuade the Chancellor that the operation of light aircraft—anything from HS 125 executive jets downwards—is not a luxury and should not, therefore, be subject to his 25 per cent VAT.

Healey, GAMTA says, has decreed that aircraft radios and radio-navigational equipment are a luxury. "Does this mean that he recommends a return to sext - of - the - pants flying?", Danny Forman, director of GAMTA, asked.

"The public may imagine that aviators are millionaires, but a cross-section of businessmen, farmers, vets and bus drivers will refute this."

Forman should know what he is talking about when it comes to light aviation, as he is a former Army Air Corps helicopter pilot who in civilian life set up a helicopter fleet operation for the David Brown organization.

BABCOCK & WILCOX LIMITED

Extracts from Annual Report:

Group results

The consolidated profit before taxation amounted to £9,879,000 compared with £8,157,000 in 1973. Most of this increase was brought about by an exceptionally high share of profits in associated companies due to the reversal of the greater part of a provision made in the previous year by British Nuclear Design and Construction Ltd. Trading profits were, however, 5% higher than in 1973 but upon an increase in turnover of 23%, from £202.2 million to £248.2 million. Taxation on the profits of the company, before taking into account the share of net profits of associated companies, amounted to an effective 51%. However, a disproportionately low charge for taxation applied to the share of profits of associated companies, reducing the effective rate of tax on profits from all sources to 47.4% compared with 42.7% in 1973.

After providing for taxation and deducting the share of profits due to minority interests, the profit attributable to the members of Babcock & Wilcox Ltd before extraordinary items amounted to £4,833,000 compared with £4,284,000 in 1973. Allowing for the payment of preference dividends, the earnings per 25p ordinary share increased from 9.3p in 1973 to 10.5p in 1974, a rise of 13%. The return before tax and interest on total funds employed also improved from 13.3% in 1973 to 15.9% in 1974.

An interim ordinary dividend of 0.8993p per share was paid on 21st October 1974 and the Board now recommends the payment of a final ordinary dividend of 0.8994p per share making a total of 1.7987p per share for the year, the maximum permitted under current legislation.

General review

In spite of the limitations of the three-day week imposed on us during the first quarter of the year, profits from United Kingdom operations increased by £1 million, although the profits of the International Group fell by some £500,000 due principally to difficulties in Australia and Mexico.

During the year new orders were received at a record rate and the total order book increased by £100 million to a year-end figure of £450 million in spite of receiving no new central power station orders in the United Kingdom. Over 50% of the business received in 1974 was either for export or secured by our overseas companies and included an order from ESCOM in South Africa for the Matla power station valued at £60 million, the largest contract ever awarded to one company.

During 1974 new investment projects of approximately £10 million were authorised by the Board, the major items of which were £6 million for machinery, plant and buildings and £4 million for further acquisition of minority interests in subsidiaries and trade investments. Management throughout the company has been particularly concerned under present inflationary conditions to conserve cash resources by stringent control of funds employed. As a result we have, despite the considerable increase in turnover, achieved a slight reduction in working capital and have improved our liquidity by £1.8 million.

Borrowings in the form of bank overdrafts and short term loans totalled £23.9 million at 28th December 1974 (£27.6 million in 1973) while cash balances and short term deposits amounted to £9.4 million (£11.3 million in 1973). While we must expect some increase in borrowings during 1975, the Board is satisfied that the company has access to adequate working capital for its foreseeable requirements.

Deutsche Babcock & Wilcox AG

The company announced on 9th April 1975 that it had signed with the Imperial Government of Iran a letter of intent providing for the purchase by Iran of our holding of 25.02%, of the total issued capital of Deutsche Babcock & Wilcox AG for a total cash consideration of DM178.3 million, equivalent at that date to £31.7 million. The letter of intent was subject to formal agreement and completion of governmental formalities. It is intended that completion will take place as soon as practicable and not later than 31st July 1975.

Deutsche Babcock & Wilcox AG has already declared and paid its annual dividend for the year ended 30th September 1974 and the company will retain its proportion of this dividend amounting to DM4.65 million (equivalent to £820,000).

The Board believes that the disposal of this investment on the terms announced will provide the company with an outstanding opportunity to proceed further with its stated policy of diversification. A circular setting out fuller details of the intended transaction and its effects on the company's consolidated balance sheet will be issued to shareholders after completion.

Current prospects

The present uncertain economic and political environment is hardly conducive to long-term forecasting but the Board is happy to report that we have a strong order book, both at home and overseas; our capital investment in manufacturing continues and, if we are permitted to concentrate on our management objectives the Board believes that 1975 will show further improvement.

Annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of the company will be held at Confederation of British Industry, 21 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LP, on Friday, 23rd May 1975 at 12.30 pm. If approved at the meeting the final ordinary dividend will be paid on 27th May 1975 to ordinary shareholders registered on 18th April 1975.

JOHN KING, CHAIRMAN

REVIEW OF FIVE YEAR PROGRESS	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	Adjusted for inflation (CPP basis) 1973	1974
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
TURNOVER	110,586	128,094	126,802	202,232	248,201	249,579	257,081
Profit before interest charges	5,153	5,716	6,721	10,765	12,338	10,829	11,568
Interest payable (net)	2,009	1,703	1,397	2,608	3,009	3,206	3,234
Profit before taxation	3,144	4,013	5,324	8,157	9,879	7,623	8,334
Taxation	1,626	1,417	1,681	3,488	4,684	4,077	4,684
Profit after taxation	1,518	2,596	3,643	4,671	5,195	3,546	3,650
Return on total funds employed	8.4%	9.5%	11.3%	13.3%	15.9%	9.8%	11.2%
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE	2.4p	5.0p	7.2p	9.3p	10.5p	6.6p	7.4p
DIVIDEND – pence per share (†gross)	2.1p†	2.2p†	1.59p	1.63p	1.8p	2.04p	1.83p
DIVIDEND COVER	1.1	2.3	3.8	5.7	5.8	3.3	4.0

A copy of the Chairman's full Statement and the Report and Accounts for 1974 can be obtained from the Secretary, Babcock & Wilcox Limited, Cleveland House, St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LN.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Monopolies Commission clears Dentsply bid for ADI

By Terry Eyland

The announcement of Monopolies Commissinn clearance for Dentsply International's proposed bid for AD International sent ADI shares racing ahead in London as the stock market anticipated last night's statement from Dentsply that the two groups are resuming merger talks.

No formal offer was ever posted by Dentsply, the United States dental manufacturer, but an offer of "not less than twice" the then share price of 45p for ADI was indicated in August, 1974, after discussions on a share exchange deal had collapsed. Shares in ADI, the world's largest manufacturers of dental equipment, jumped to 83p in late dealings yesterday.

Earlier, Mr A. Oakley, company secretary to ADI, was reported as saying that his board must wait to see whether Dentsply would go ahead with its bid and "on what terms" before making any recommendation to shareholders.

Dentsply's original approach was given a cool reception both by ADI, whose chairman was "a bit disappointed" by the proposed terms, and by British Oxygen, holder of 18 per cent of the ADI equity, which described them as "totally inadequate".

Last night's statement from Dentsply said that the two firms would seek a mutually acceptable basis for a merger to reflect changes in their economic and other circumstances since the original approach. Dentsply added that it would be necessary to arrange financing before the new proposals could be submitted to the respective stockholders.

ADI has long had close trading links with Dentsply and the American group supplies ADI with dental products believed to [illegible] tion of the British group's net

Warner US may be suitor for R. Stigwood

Robert Stigwood Group claimed yesterday that it had been informed indirectly by Warner Communications the United States entertainment company that it may make a bid for the British company at 51 a share (43p).

If such an offer is made it would value Stigwood at £4.66m. Shares in the company rose 3p yesterday to 35p, compared with a 1974-75 high of 53p and a low of 13p.

Mr Robert Stigwood, chairman, said the group had been informed of the possible offer by the London firm of solicitors, Frere, Cholmeley.

He said it was too early to say if such an offer would be considered reasonable, and added that the directors would make no recommendation to shareholders until a formal offer was to hand.

Mr Stigwood and a fellow director, Mr D. L. Shaw, hold 26 per cent of the equity between them, while Polygram BV holds a further 25 per cent, according to the latest annual accounts.

Stigwood's pre-tax profits for the year to last September 30 fell from £1.04m to £775,000 despite a slightly increased turnover at just under £2.5m, while, at the attributable level, the drop was from £520,000 to £340,000.

Thomson potential in diversification

By Our Financial Staff

While pointing to the "very serious short-term problems" faced by all divisions of the Thomson Organisation, the joint chairmen, Lord Thomson of Fleet and Mr Kenneth R. Thomson, say that given a return to more reasonable conditions they have great confidence in the future of the company.

In his report the chief executive, Mr G. C. Brunton, says that while not underestimating the challenge of the next two years, the company's diversification strategy is proving well-founded, and there are prospects for the future which could be "very encouraging indeed".

On Thomson's oil interests in the North Sea, Mr Brunton reports that the 45 per cent rate set for Petroleum Revenue Tax should allow an acceptable return on Piper Field providing that development proceeds broadly according to plan. In the second field, Claymore, further evaluation is needed before the board can responsibly indicate what sort of return can be expected.

Overall, group policy now is to aim at conserving cash, controlling spending and adapting pricing policies within the bounds of the Prices Code to recover as much of increased costs as are permitted. In the group's newspaper businesses new technology, already applied with great success in other parts of the world, particularly North America, could radically alter the view that newspapers are a non-growth industry, says Mr Brunton.

"We are prepared to plan and make that necessary investment for the future of newspapers, providing we receive the cooperation of all concerned", he adds.

Meanwhile, Thomson Travel is expected to show a significant turnround this year. All being well, the travel interests should make a marked contribution to the overall result in 1975. And there should also be higher profits from associated companies.

Stock markets

Equities close higher

After a short, but active spell of institutional buying in mid-morning, equities stayed firm but in some cases below their best on the London stock market yesterday. Towards the close talk of a statement to support the weak pound brought an extra note of firmness but an overall damper was a widespread rumour—later denied—that Barclays Bank was to come in with a huge cash call, said to be in the region of £120m.

For the second day running EMI proved to be a most active stock, with dealers attracted by the publicized potential of its new X-ray scanner and the company's overseas strength. At the moment all shares with export potential are proving popular.

Continuing reports of an imminent wage freeze helped the giltedged market, particularly at the longer end where a cut in inflation would bring the most advantage. The pattern of the day was well charted by the FT Index which was up 9.1 at noon, fell back to an 8.14 advance at 2 pm, rose to 10 points an hour later and closed 8.2 up to 331.1.

On the banking pitch the rights rumour brought early losses of up to 7p, but Lloyds (227p), Midland (257p) and National Westminster (227p) ended the day 7p, 2p and 2p firmer respectively. But Barclays itself was sufficiently upset to shed 5p to 275p while Hambros, still worried by potential losses on tankers, slumped 15p to 130p. Good results and a 50 per cent scrip boosted Bank of Ireland by no less than 35p to 470p. On the leaders pitch EMI registered an 11p gain to 170p while ICI (248p), Beecham (272p) and Metal Box (264p) all firmed by up to 12p. Fisons, though, were more modest rising 2p to 387p.

Building shares were an active market with Wimpey 7p firmer to 131p after its annual meeting, Fairclough up another 3p to 207p after Wednesday's rights and bullish statement and Taylor Woodrow being another feature—9p better at 285p.

Among companies involved in bid situations Cussons "A" went 2p firmer to 43p and Robert Stigwood 3p to 35p. In the latter case speculative buying on Wednesday proved to be well founded as there had been an approach from the United States. MAMs closed a point firmer in sympathy. Also in this connexion Furness Withy rose another 6p to 186p and Midland-Yorkshire, still holding out against Croda's terms which are due to expire today, 3p to 388p.

Oils moved along with the rest of the market with BP (at 427p up 12p) and Shell (11p better at 297p) showing the way. Kaffirs shaded from their best levels but Tanks were hoisted more than 30p on demand in a thin market.

Isolated features were Racal, where overseas potential added 21p to 253p, AD International, up 5p to 83p after monopolies clearance of the bid from Dentsply of the United States, and a firm market in Wedgwood at 160p. Following the previous day's cash call Prudential recouped all but a penny of the 5p loss ending the day at 125p.

Companies reporting included Heenan Spark, where a big half-time loss left the issue 3p off at 8p; Bensons International whose record return added 5p to 120p; and Dutton Forshaw (at 19p off 2p) where high interest charges took their toll. Both Thomas Jourdan (18p) and the NET group (35p) were not touched by their statements.

In strong stores and insurance pitches gains of up to 12p came from Boots (252p), Sun Alliance (447p), Commercial Union (170p) and British Home Stores (360p).

Gilts seemed unconcerned about the plight of sterling. Continuing talks of an imminent wage freeze announcement helped the market, although the rumours remained unsubstantiated. The talk was of most benefit at the longer end where a reduction in inflation would be of most benefit.

"Shorts" opened steady, but eased early in the morning, partly on the weakness of sterling. For most of the session there was no movement, but prices firmed up after hours in sympathy with "longs". Rises on the day ranged from 3-16 point in short-shorts to ½ point in long-shorts.

"Longs" showed rises of up to 1 point. Buying was maintained throughout the day, but dealers described trading conditions as thin.

Equity turnover on May 7 was £66.5m (18,119 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were EMI, ICI, GKN new, London Boots, Shell, Distillers, BTR, Wimpey, Laporte, Martin Black, Anglo Ecuadorian and Barclays Bank.

Shares in Whitbread have traded nervously of late. The stock market has downgraded its profit forecasts, and now fears a fall from £27.7m to £23m in the pre-tax total, due for disclosure next month.

Activity in the shares of Anglo-Ecuadorian Oilfields, a subsidiary of Burmah Oil, had the price moving between 45p and a closing price of 37p. Investors fear imminent moves by Burmah to sell off the stake.

Dowding profit forecast riposte

Following its initial rejection a month ago of the £5.1m bid from General Electric of the United States, electrical and mechanical engineers Dowding & Mills now add ammunition in the form of a buoyant profit forecast. It predicts a pre-tax outcome for 1974-75 of over £1.2m—an increase of 18 per cent.

Additionally, Mr K. Sharp, chairman, promises a total dividend of 1.75p (covered some 2.4 times), giving a yield at the offer price of 7.28 per cent—much above the average for the sector.

Interest charges blow to Dutton-Forshaw

Shareholders in Dutton-Forshaw, the motor trading group, are receiving an object lesson in the meaning of high interest rates by way of a sharply reduced dividend for 1974.

Attributable profits are 75 per cent down at £353,000, after a leap in interest charges from £464,000 to £1.7m. The final dividend is halved to 1p making a total of 2.62p against 3.62p a share.

The bulk of the interest charge (£840,000) reflects the cost of the purchase of British and Canadian Investments in February, 1974. Group turnover at £84.7m was 22.8 per cent higher. Trading profit was 27.3 per cent up at £2.8m, although this figure includes pre-interest profits of £668,000 from British and Canadian.

A difficult year lies ahead, commented a board member yesterday but the first three months have been "satisfactory" for the motor side, if not so happy for the construction divisions. Two subsidiaries and two properties have been sold, and other properties are on the market.

Lubok hopes

The board of Lubok Investments (Mr Jim Slater's new investment vehicle) intends to resume dividend payments this year. The exact level will depend on earnings—which are expected to show a substantial increase over last year's £63,000 before tax (£34,000). Earnings a share for 1974 are down from 0.42p to 0.39p.

Brocks reveal takeover talks with ITT

Shares of Brocks Group have been rising steadily since the news over a week ago of a possible takeover bid for its equity. This report hardened yesterday with the statement from Brocks that it has been in talks with American group International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation about a possible bid. An allout offer would involve a total of some £4.8m at yesterday's market price. However ITT states that there will be no further discussions for at least a month.

Mr David Selby, Brocks' financial director, said he thought ITT was chiefly interested in the group's alarms operations and marine division navigational equipment.

Business appointments

New director at London & Northern

Mr Alfred Cooper has joined the board of London and Northern Securities.

Mr Y. V. Poletnev has been appointed a director of the Moscow Narodny Bank. Mr A. S. Maslov has retired as a director.

Mr Jan Kruthofer has been promoted to vice-president of First National City Bank. He is in charge of Citibank's office in Teheran.

Mr J. W. Skelsey and Mr A. E. Goodens have been made directors of Land and General Developments.

Sir Jeremy Morse has become a deputy chairman of Lloyds Bank.

Mr N. H. Marshall has been appointed to the board and elected chairman of Offin River Estates. Mr J. M. Robotham becomes an alternate director to Mr Marshall.

Mr Anthony Dann has been elected chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters. Mr David Cooper becomes vice-chairman.

Mr John Dawson, who has resigned as deputy chairman and managing director of Oliver Rix to pursue his own private business activities, is succeeded as managing director by Mr W. L. Steele.

Mr David Leahy has been made a director of Dormer Gases, a subsidiary of the Roadships Group.

Mr B. Anthony Watson has become managing director of E. F. Hutton and Co (London). Mr Mark Culme-Seymour has been elected a director. Mr James Sweeney becomes secretary. Mr J. L. d'E. Darby and Mr A. K. Guthrie have resigned from the board.

Mr G. Westwood has been appointed managing director of B. J. Couzens.

Mr Edouard Sautter has been made president of the French Bank of California and manager of the Banque Nationale de Paris' San Fraocisco agency.

Mr Brian Street becomes deputy managing director of Air Products.

Mr J. A. Westcott is to join Aviation & General Insurance as a deputy underwriter with effect from June 16. He previously held executive positions with Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group and Airclaims Group.

Mr Tom Johnson, who has retired as chairman of Johnson Group Cleaners, is succeeded by Mr John Crockatt, who also retains his position as group managing director.

Mr P. W. Watson has been appointed managing director of Burtonwood Brewery Co (Forshaws), replacing Mr H. McIntosh, who remains on the board as a non-executive director.

Mr S. P. Robinson has become secretary and chief accountant of Dowty Fuel Systems.

Mr Robert Thom has been made a director of A. C. Israel Woodhouse.

Mr Denis Redican has been appointed managing director of Atlas Alloys. Mr Laurie D. Burpee becomes manager, mill sales Europe, including United Kingdom, for Atlas Steels.

Mr A. A. Weir has become a director of Barkers & Lee Smith and general manager of Barkers & Lee Smith (Norfolk).

Mr Denis Hirst has been made a director of Glanvill Enthoven (Life, Pensions & Mortgages).

Mr J. L. Blackley has been appointed chairman of West Cumberland Farmers. He succeeds Mr H. R. Grice.

Mr Brian Tytherleigh has joined the board of Time Sharing as director and general manager.

Mr Graham Kendall has been made Dexion Overseas area manager for the Caribbean.

Mr S. V. Mercer has become president of the Federation of Master Builders.

Mr A. P. M. Dear has been appointed deputy managing director of Advance Laundries.

Mr N. P. O. Bradley has retired as chairman of Bradley & Turton after 43 years as a director. Mr R. A. Muir, group managing director, succeeds him as chairman.

Mr Ronald M. Christie has become chief estates surveyor to The British Land Co. He was formerly deputy chief surveyor.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Automotive Prods (25p)	2.32	2.06	—	2.32	2.06
Baker Perkins (50p) S Int	2.69	2.48	1.7	4.92	4.62
Bensons Int (20p) Fin	4.23	4.02	—	6.02	5.44
Bank of Ireland (£1) Fin	18	14	—	21	20
E. Chalmers (10p) Fin	0.83	0.73	28/6	1.66	1.44
Clement Clarke (25p) Fin	1.84	1.66	—	2.93	2.64
Davenports (25p) Int	1.02	0.87	1.7	—	3.14
Dutton-Forshaw (25p) Fin	1.00	2.00	1.7	2.62	3.62
Eng & Caledonian (25p) Fin	2.23	1.86	—	2.78	3.20
Thomas Jourdan (10p) Fin	0.48	1.5	—	1.98	3.33
Lindsay & Wms (25p) Fin	1.58	Nil	17/6	4.36	Nil
Nat Bk Australasia ($1) Int	6.5*	6.5*	—	—	11.5*
Net Ltd (20p) Fin	1.53	1.23†	15/7	2.78	2.53†
Roberts Adlard (25p) Fin	2.99	2.53	—	4.94	4.16
Silvermines (2½p) Fin	1.5	1	—	4	6

* Cents a share. † Adjusted for scrip.

Vickers

Points from the Statement by the Chairman The Rt. Hon. Lord Robens of Woldingham PC DCL LLD which appears in the 1974 Report and Accounts

Pre-tax profits of £25.9 million tell their own story of a very successful year. They represent an increase of 42% on 1973. Sales totalled £265 million (1973 £213m).

Orders in hand at the end of the year stood at £365m. Earnings per £1 of Ordinary Stock rose to 27.22p.

These results are all the more satisfactory given the setbacks caused early in 1974 by the three-day week and by an overtime ban in the engineering industry. They would have been even higher had your Board not felt it necessary to make a provision of £2·0 million against the possibility of bad debts arising from the abnormal factors at present existing in the economy.

1974 was the fourth successive year in which pre-tax profits have shown an increase of between 40 and 90 per cent. From a figure of £4·2 million in 1970 there has been a more than six-fold increase. Some of the increase reflects inflation, but clearly the Company is now in a very healthy condition following the reorganisation of recent years.

It is equally clear, however, that in grossly inflationary conditions substantial profits are essential to company survival. Without the degree of self-financing made possible by high profits the pressures on liquidity might well become insupportable. The capacity to create growth is also very dependent upon retentions from profits. No-one, therefore, should allow themselves to draw false conclusions from the announcement of high profits. Without them, not only growth but existence and jobs could be at stake.

The impact of high and continuing inflation is illustrated by an increase of some £23 million in the value of our working capital during 1974.

Though the position remains well under control, these changes demonstrate how essential it is to apply the strictest of disciplines and controls to the management of our financial affairs. Within these disciplines has to be included rigorous scrutiny of all proposals for capital expenditure. Even so it is satisfactory to report that during the last eighteen months important new investment has been approved in most of our main activities, including new factories and facilities, at home and overseas, and also a major expansion in the resources of Vickers Oceanics Limited to ensure that full advantage is taken of the opportunities now occurring in sea-bed engineering.

NATIONALISATION

In looking to the future, and making the assumption that the present Government will succeed in obtaining its nationalisation legislation much will obviously depend upon whether "fair" compensation is paid for those of our assets that are taken away from us. To pay "fair" compensation is the declared intention of the Government, and one hopes that as the result of negotiation, and possibly arbitration, this will indeed be the outcome, but I am bound to say that if the indications so far given of Government thinking are pursued then a "fair" result seems most unlikely.

We are certainly unwilling sellers. In my letter of 19 September to stockholders about shipbuilding nationalisation, I said that no attempt had so far been made by the advocates of nationalisation to demonstrate why they believed nationalisation of Vickers shipbuilding activities would result in a more efficient and successful business. This is still the position. Equally it is true of the British Aircraft Corporation, of which we are joint owners with G.E.C.

Both these businesses are highly efficient and successful, with technological and production skills respected throughout the world and the proved ability to win massive export orders. No less than 75 per cent. of the B.A.C. total order book of over £900 million is for export. They are also profitable businesses. Our shipyard at Barrow has made a profit year in, year out, whatever the general state of the industry and this, let me add, includes the years before we became mainly naval builders. It is indeed difficult to believe that these two businesses will be anything but diminished by political direction and bureaucratic control, with consequent loss to the national interest.

The likelihood remains, however, that nationalisation will go ahead for ideological reasons and therefore our Board must concentrate its present efforts on obtaining a fair and reasonable price for these most valuable assets. To this end we have engaged the services of professional advisers and preliminary discussions have taken place with the Department of Industry to establish the considerations which we believe must be taken into account in arriving at a fair price.

The extent to which a fair price is achieved – together with the form of payment and its timing – will be a major factor in our plans for developing and expanding the many remaining activities of the Vickers Group. I pointed out in my September letter to stockholders that in terms of capital employed in the United Kingdom, our shipbuilding activities represented only some 18 per cent. A large part of Vickers activities in the United Kingdom will therefore continue without interruption, and in addition to the Engineering Group, Ronco Vickers Office Equipment Group, Howson-Algraphy Group, Offshore Engineering and Vickers Instruments, we have our extensive and successful operations in Australia and Canada. It will be the Board's first priority in use of compensation monies to add to the strength of these activities, whether by internal investment or by acquisition.

BRITAIN AND EUROPE

Very shortly the country will be voting in the referendum about British membership of the E.E.C. Essentially the issue is the cost of withdrawal. The country's well-being depends ultimately on industrial performance, and industrial performance is determined largely by trading conditions. If we continue as members of a trading community of 250 million people, unhindered by tariffs against our products, then we can tool-up accordingly with many options open to us in selecting those areas, whether in the U.K. or on the continent, where we can operate with the greatest likelihood of success. In practice the probability is that in most instances we should choose to strengthen and expand existing facilities in this country from which we could also conveniently develop exports to countries outside the Community. If, on the other hand, Britain had withdrawn from the Community, then almost certainly the Company's best course of action would be to build up its manufacturing facilities on the continent behind the Community's tariff barrier. Though to the Company's trading advantages, this would regrettably lessen the likelihood of our being able to create employment in the U.K.

My own strong conviction, and I speak also for my fellow directors, is that the interests of stockholders and employees alike will best be served by Britain remaining within the Community. To believe that Britain can somehow go it alone is to live in the past. Britain is no longer a dominant manufacturing country at the centre of an association of countries wanting manufactures in exchange for raw materials and food. Totally new patterns have emerged in the world's economic and trading environment, and it is to this new environment, based on the interplay of massive trading blocs, that we have now to adjust.

PROSPECTS

Confronted by so many imponderable factors, only the foolhardy would offer firm forecasts for 1975. What is certain is that nearly all our activities, both at home and overseas, began the year with strong order books. This is true also of the British Aircraft Corporation. No less apparent is that towards the end of 1974, and during the early months of 1975, there was a sharp decline in new orders for a number of our products. In some instances the possibility of recovery exists as the year proceeds, but in others the prospects for the rest of the year are not encouraging. On the whole, and with the usual reservations about changing economic circumstances, I conclude that in terms of profits 1975 may well be another good year, though the outstanding figures achieved in 1974 will be difficult to surpass without favourable developments during the rest of the year. In terms of orders in hand, it could well be that 1975 will start from a less favourable base than did 1974. In terms of liquidity we have a manageable situation in 1975, but I cannot too strongly stress the paramount importance of inflation being brought under control as quickly as possible.

ROBENS

April 17th, 1975

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1974

	1974 £000	1973 £000
Sales	264,643	212,662
Consolidated profit before taxation	15,533	11,414
Share of profits of associated companies	12,401	6 793
	27,934	18,207
Provision for doubtful debts	2,000	—
Profit before Taxation	25,934	18,207
Taxation	12,924	8,552
Profit after Taxation	13,010	9,655
Minority shareholders' interest	721	496
Stockholders' profit before extraordinary items	12,289	9 159
Extraordinary items	(1,496)	(245
Stockholders' profit	10,793	8,916
Dividends	3,601	3,348
Profit retained	7,192	5,568
Earnings per £1 of Ordinary Stock	27.22p	21.93p

The Report and Accounts 1974 have been posted to Stockholders.

The 109th Annual General Meeting of Vickers Limited will be held on 5th June 1975 at Millbank Tower, London SW1

Vickers Limited Vickers House Millbank London SW1P 4RA.

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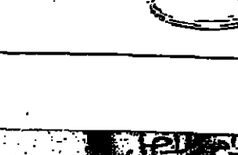

Directions:
Unpeel your wife from the wallpaper and point her in the direction of the Campari bottle.
(You have thoughtfully poured out two measures, with ice, soda, and a juicy slice of orange apiece.)
Sip tranquilly, while the decorators throw dustsheets over you both.
Repeat the treatment morning and evening until the house is refreshingly pink.

There's no Camparison.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

NET in retreat full-time

Before the late autumn downturn in the timber sector, NET (the former North Eastern Timber), on the basis of opening demand in the home market remaining steady, envisaged a good result full-time. Half-time pre-tax profits rose from £335,000 to £375,000, but the full-year to December 31 is evidence of the deterioration in the sector, with taxable earnings retreating from £804,000 to £688,000 though turnover moved from £15.53m to £16.46m.

The "net" fell from £391,000 to £304,000 and the "attributable" from £379,000 to £298,000. Earnings per share in turn show a fall from an adjusted 9.33p to 7.19p. The year's payment, however, is raised from the equivalent of 2.53p to 2.78p.

In addition to its traditional role as a timber importer, the group now supplies DIY materials to both wholesale and retail outlets, manufactures and distributes shopfitting and display equipment, and also sells at home and abroad components to the trailer and container industries.

Bensons record will 'continue'

Peak results and a maximum possible increase in the dividend for 1974 from Bensons International Systems were followed yesterday by a prediction from Mr P. Bennett, managing director, that the group will "continue to achieve record profits".

At pre-tax level, profits are 57.4 per cent up at £1.1m, thus exceeding the 40 per cent rate on increase recorded in the first half. The final dividend of 4.23p lifts the total from 5.44p to 6.02p a share.

The board, traditionally conservative in forecasts, says that early results for 1975 disclose "some turndown" on the extremely buoyant conditions of last year. But some export markets are returning "considerably higher sales" and some two thirds of parent sales are made overseas.

Quarterly dip at Can Pac

The March quarter at Canadian Pacific has produced a net profit of $25.3m, compared with $37.4m last term, including $4.2m of extraordinary items. C. P. Rail lost $8.32m, compared with a profit of $4.53m, while the air operations lost $4.73m, compared with a loss of $589,000.

Earnings a share come out at $0.34, against $0.45 before the extraordinary items. The board says that prospects for the rest of the year depend on the timing and strength of the recovery in the United States and Canadian economies and the possibility and duration of strikes.

Bk of Ireland scrip

Shares of Bank of Ireland rose 9p to 470p yesterday on the news that the board proposes a one-for-two scrip issue following a good year's trading. Net profits of this Dublin-based group have increased from £7.91m to £9.35m while the attributable for 1974-75 is £9m, against £7.67m. Earnings a share come out at 66.3p basic, compared with 56.3p.

Shareholders will receive a dividend of 24p, against 20p.

Record sales at York Trailer

Sales of the York Trailer Company rose to a new "high" during the first quarter to March 31, 1975, while pre-tax profits fell by 15 per cent. Mr Fred W. Davies, chairman, reports. But there are "distinct signs of improvement" in the general trading picture, he adds.

Sales expanded from £4.18m to £4.5m, while the fall in profits to £274,000 was caused by short-time working at the Corby and Market Harborough plants, combined with heavy redundancy payments.

Full-time working has now been resumed at Market Harborough, and all other facilities, with the exception of Corby, are working to capacity. Exports are currently dominating new trailer and container sales.

Baker Perkins

Profit details are not yet disclosed by Baker Perkins, but the board gives a warning that taxable profits will be "somewhat lower" than the 1973 peak of £2.83m—although the dividend will be amply covered.

The board has, meanwhile, declared a second interim of 2.69p for the 15 months to March 31, but will not be recommending a final.

E Chalmers setback

On turnover down from £3.7m to £2.9m, taxable profits of the E. Chalmers Holdings group of ingot makers and metal merchants have fallen from £360,000 to £200,000 for 1974-75. The attributable is down from £237,000 to £147,000 while the dividend is up from 1.44p to 1.66p gross. Earnings a share are 4.71p, against 7.58p.

Roberts Adlard

The decline at Roberts Adlard continues with taxable profits for 1974 going down from a record £561,000 to £527,000 on turnover of £5.97m, against £5.96m. Interim profits showed a drop from £200,000 to £185,000.

Earnings a share are 10.2p, compared with 12.06p, while the dividend of this roofing contractor and builders' merchants is raised from 4.46p to 4.94p.

Rebound at Lindsay

Including an extraordinary gain of some £58,000, Lindsay & Williams bounced back in 1974, as betokened last December, with its return to the dividend list. The revitalized group reports pre-tax profits rebounding from only £29,000 to a record £383,000, and earnings per share before extraordinary profit from 3.3p to 11.1p. The total dividend for the year is 4.56p, with a final payment of 1.58p.

T. Jourdan setback

Reporting a hefty setback in 1974, Thomas Jourdan turns in pre-tax profit sliced from £357,000 to £188,000, though omens for the present term are more favourable. Turnover for the year past rose slightly from £2.5m to £2.7m. The "available" fell back from £168,000 to £77,000, and pre-share earnings from 5.53p to 1.99p (basic) and, fully diluted, from 4.79p to 1.99p. The year's dividend is cut from 3.3p to 1.98p. The shares shed 2p to 15½p.

Ansbacher sell's Heath stake

Mr Maxwell Joseph's merchant and investment banking group, Fraser Ansbacher, has disposed of its 19.9 per cent holding in C. E. Heath, the insurance brokers and underwriters.

Heath's shares were taken up by a number of institutions for a total of £3.62m—a capital profit in the current year of £250,000 on the cost of the investment for Fraser.

Fraser, whose profit before taxation in the first half of this year fell from £729,000 to £240,000 after servicing the borrowing for the C. E. Heath interest, said last night that the cash generated by the sale eliminated the bank's borrowings, "strengthening already strong liquidity".

C. E. Heath's chairman, Mr P. R. D. Holland, was "delighted" at the deal. Heath's shares are believed to have fallen somewhat after hours from the close of 230p.

Wimpey order peak

George Wimpey started the current year with a record order book and is at present dealing with a higher level of overseas inquiries.

Mr R. B. Gane, chairman, told the annual meeting that since preparation of the report major contracts had been received from Nigeria, Iran and the Middle East. He said that Wimpey expected turnover in Canada to increase by 25 per cent, and he was confident that the company would see more growth abroad in 1975 and 1976.

White Drummond jolt

Though M & G Guaranteed Deposit Bonds made a "significant" contribution, White Drummond turns in pre-tax profits down from £851,000 to £840,000 for the half to March 31. The "net" fell sharply from £643,000 to £450,000, but the tax charge is up from £207,000 to £390,000. The comparable six months displayed an exceptional imbalance between the halves, and the latest period reflects highly adverse trading up to the end of December. The interim payment is raised from 1.44p to 1.71p, chiefly to reduce disparity.

CLEMENT CLARKE
Turnover for 1974, £3.9m (against £3.2m) and net profit, £226,000 (£224,000). Earnings a share, 5.6p (6.4p), and the dividend 2.95p gross (2.64p).

DAVENPORTS BREWS
Net profit for half year, £552,000 (£477,000). Dividend is 1.82p (0.87p).

RCF HOLDINGS
Turnover is £5m (£4m) for half year. Taxable profit, £383,000 (£285,000). Dividend is held at 0.87p net.

General Mining is set for strong year

By Andrew Wilson

After a year which has brought General Mining and Finance Corporation further into the limelight than in any other time in its history, the mining finance group expects that growth for the current year will be satisfactory. In his chairman's review, Dr W. B. Coetzer says that while the trend of the gold price will prove the most important factor—it accounted for 56 per cent of investment income last year—satisfactory progress is being made on the labour front. As to base metal prices, no significant decreases are expected during 1975.

Referring to the Union Corporation situation now that General Mining and its associates control 29.9 per cent of the equity, the group looks forward to an "interesting period of co-operation" between the two mining houses.

One disappointment, however, is the absence of any firm details on the rumoured gold discoveries in the southern part of the Orange Free State. There is, apparently, no proof at this stage of economically significant formations.

Issues & Loans

ECGD backs £2m for Poland

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a £2m loan which Morgan Grenfell acting on behalf of Midland Bank have made available to Bank Handlowy Warszawie.

The loan will help finance a contract to supply equipment and technological information for grinding wheel manufacturing plant by Norton Abrasives, Welwyn Garden City, to Metalexport, the foreign trade enterprise of the machine tools and tools industry.

ISCOR note placement

South African iron and steel is making a private placing of $40m of 15 year floating-rate notes including an optional redemption feature with Credit Commercial de France, Kredietbank NV, Westdeutsche Landesbank and Hill Samuel and Co. The notes will carry semi-annual interest calculated at 1⅞ points above interbank rates for Eurodollars. A minimum interest rate of 8.5 per cent is guaranteed. Issue price 98.5.

SWISS FRANCS FOR NZ
New Zealand is raising a 60m Swiss franc, 15-year loan with an expected 7.75 per cent coupon through a syndicate led by Union Bank of Switzerland.

ESTEL FLOATING DM100M
Estel NV, the Hoesch-Hoogovens steel group, is issuing a DM100m 10-year bond issue bearing 8.5 per cent through a syndicate led by Deutsche Bank.

EIB LOAN IN LUXEMBOURG
European Investment Bank has contracted for issue of bonds for 377m. Luxembourg francs, on the Luxembourg market. They bear interest at nominal 8¾ per cent and have maximum term of 10 years.

SPANISH EURODOLLAR LOAN
Paular SA, a Spanish petrochemical company, has received a $10m five-year syndicated bank loan from a group led by Dillon Read and Co, RBC Finance NV and Capitalfin International Ltd. The borrower agreed to pay 1.75 points above London Interbank Eurodollar rates.

SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES
Barclays Merchant Bank and Standard Merchant Bank in South Africa have jointly underwritten a R20m long-term private placement by SAB Ltd at a principal fixed rate of interest of 13 per cent or an option at 1.5 per cent above the minimum bank lending rate.

Eurobond prices, page 24

The John Lewis Partnership

Results for the year ended 25th January 1975

The business of the John Lewis Partnership belongs to those who work in it—the whole of the equity in John Lewis Partnership Limited being held in trust for that purpose. The profit that remains, after the payment of interest on loans and fixed preference dividends and after providing proper reserves, is distributed as Partnership Bonus among all those who work in the business in proportion to their year's pay. In 1974/75 the Partnership Bonus distribution was £3,876,000—13% of pay.

Profit retained in the business and transferred to reserves totalled £6,307,000.

The Partnership's sales increased by £42 million to £251 million—an increase of 20% over 1973/74. The increase was divided almost equally between the department stores and Waitrose supermarkets.

Trading profit (after interest) reached a record level, but operating and interest costs rose so sharply that the increase was limited to 5% (£14,612,000 to £15,415,000). The taxation charge was also higher.

Sales for the first ten weeks of 1975/76 are up by 24.8%. Within this total department store sales are up by 19.4%, and the Waitrose sales are up by 34.5%.

	1974/75 £000's	1973/74 £000's	1965/66 £000's
SALES	251,600	209,357	63,460
TRADING PROFIT after depreciation	17,950	16,537	4,549
PROFIT after interest	15,415	14,612	3,902
BALANCE after taxation and preference dividends	12,100	11,675	3,103
USE OF BALANCE			
Contributed to Pensions and Life Assurance Funds	1,717	1,495	522
Addition to reserves	6,507	6,447	1,131
Partnership Bonus	3,876	3,733	1,450
As a percentage of pay	*(13%)*	*(15%)*	*(15%)*
CAPITAL EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE YEAR	98,534	82,629	47,421
AVERAGE NUMBER EMPLOYED (weighted for part-time workers)	*(21,100)*	*(20,900)*	*(15,400)*

DEPARTMENT STORES, ETC.

John Lewis, Oxford Street; Peter Jones, Sloane Square; John Barnes, Finchley Road; Jones Brothers, Holloway; Bon Marche, Brixton; Pratts, Streatham; Heelas, Reading; Tyrrell and Green, Southampton; Knight and Lee, Southsea; Caleys, Windsor; Trewin Brothers, Watford; Daniel Neal, Bournemouth and Cheltenham; Bainbridge, Newcastle; George Henry Lee, Liverpool; Cole Brothers, Sheffield; Jessop & Son, Nottingham; John Lewis, Edinburgh; Robert Sayle, Cambridge.

WAITROSE SUPERMARKETS

Fifty-four branches in London, Southern England and the Midlands.

Copies of a booklet on the Partnership and/or copies of the John Lewis Partnership Limited report and accounts for 1974/75 can be obtained from Information Services, John Lewis Partnership, Oxford Street, W1A 1EX. Telephone 01-637 3434 extension 6221.

Wall Street

New York, May 8.—Wall Street [illegible] off some fears about inflation today and closed moderately higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 4.06 points to [illegible].58. It was off nearly five points at its low for the session. Advancing issues moderately outnumbered decliners about 970 to [illegible]. Volume totalled 22,980,000 shares compared with 22,250,000 yesterday.

As the stock market opened for trading, the United States Labour Department announced that wholesale prices rose 1.5 per cent in April, reversing a four-month decline. The White House said the climb was not surprising but said it was pleased that the rise in wholesale prices for industrial commodities was small.

Brokers said the news encouraged some profit-taking in the blue chip issues, which had recently been run up sharply in price.

Some analysts see in the rise today and yesterday an undercurrent of speculation in some lower priced issues not previously benefiting from the long market gains.—AP-Dow Jones.

NY silver down 2c

New York, May 8.—COMEX SILVER futures turned quiet and slightly lower today, after the fast pace of the past [illegible] sessions. Prices moved within a [illegible] range to close 2.00c lower across the board. Volume was reduced to [illegible]50 contracts, including about 707 switches. May, 451.00c; June, 455.00c; July, 456.00c; Sept, 462.20c; Dec, [illegible].40c; Jan, 474.20c; March, 480.30c; May, 486.20c; July, 492.10c; Sept, [illegible].00c. Handy & Harman, $4.47 (previous $4.50). Handy & Harman of Canada, Canadian $4.59 (Canadian [illegible]).

GOLD.—Futures closed slightly higher in quiet trading. The New York Comex closed $1.20 firmer across the board while the Chicago IMM added $0.50 to [illegible]. Comex volume dropped to 377 contracts while IMM sales were estimated at 988 contracts. NY COMEX.—May, $166.50; June, $167.30; July, $168.50; Aug, $169.30; Oct, $171.30; Dec, $173.50; Feb, $175.70; April, $177.90; June, $180.10; Aug, $182.30. CHICAGO IMM.—June, $167.20; Sept, $170.10; Dec, $173.70; March, $177.00; June, $180.30; Sept, [illegible].50.

COPPER.—Tone steady; 726 sales — May, 51.70c; June, 55.90c; July, [illegible].50c; Sept, 56.60c; Dec, 58.30c; [illegible] 58.00c; March, 98.00c; May, [illegible].

SUGAR.—World futures closed 0.07c lower to 0.25c higher. Volume was [illegible] lots, including many exchanges. Spot, 18.00c off 0.35c; July, 18.10-[illegible]c; Sept, 17.50-17.45c; Oct, 17.38-[illegible]c; Jan, 16.65c nominal; March, [illegible]-16.65c; May, 16.30c; July, [illegible]c nominal; Sept, 15.60c; Oct, [illegible]-15.50c.

COCOA.—Futures closed 0.20c to 0.65c [illegible]. Volume was 854 lots including [illegible] exchanges. May, 50.80c; July, [illegible]; Sept, 45.49c; Dec, 46.45c; March, 46.85c nominal; May, 47.00c. [illegible] July 47.25c nominal. Spots: [illegible]; Bahia, 52½.

COFFEE.—Futures finished 0.70c to [illegible] up. Sales totalled 269 contracts. May, 51.00c; July, 51.40-51.35c; Sept, [illegible]; Nov, 53.80-53.40c; Dec, [illegible]; March, 51.20c; May, 54.45c.

COTTON.—Futures finished with minor changes either side. Volume was estimated at 1,150 contracts. July, 46.21-[illegible]; Oct, 47.55-47.60c; Dec, [illegible]; March, 49.55c; May, [illegible]; July, 50.70c; Oct, 50.85-[illegible].

WOOL.—Grease wool and crossbred futures closed 2.0c to 3.0c higher. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 132.0c; May, 135.0c; July, 136.0-[illegible]; Oct, 137.0-145.0c; Dec, 141.0-[illegible]; March, 137.0-148.0c; May, [illegible].0c; July, 142.0-150.0c; [illegible] 142.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, [illegible] nominal. May, 78.0-85.0c; July, [illegible]; Oct, 83.0c; Dec, 87.0c; [illegible] May, 86.0c; July, 88.0c; [illegible] 88.0c.

	May 8	May 7
Allied Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Am.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat Fds.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell. Dick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	[illegible]	15
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem Bk N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.B.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comb Eng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comw Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	14
Cont. Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	45
C.P.C. Intnl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	11	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
East. Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso G.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Nt. Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
G.A.F. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gamble-Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Dynam.	40	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Gen Instr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Tel. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grant W. T.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt. Atl. & Pac.	11	[illegible]
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Wn. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz, H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Cent Ind	[illegible]	14
Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
I B M	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Harv	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Nickel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Tel Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johns Manv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & John	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kaiser Alum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennecott	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimb. Clk.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kraftco Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kresge S.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ligg. Myer	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.T.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	13
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	41
Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marcor Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Mid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Mar.	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minn. Min.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan, J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]
NCR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Bisc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Distill.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk West.	[illegible]	[illegible]
NW Bancor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norton Simon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occ. Pet.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Otis Elev.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Ill.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac. Gas. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penn. Cent	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pet Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philip Mor.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phill Pet.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.P.G. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Proc. Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pullman	54	[illegible]
Rapid American	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Repub. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Regis	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]

	May 8	May 7
Schlumbgr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roe.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Rly.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J.P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stude Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunbeam Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
T.W.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
T.R.W. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.A.L. Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever N.V.	41	[illegible]
Unionamerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Bancorp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carb.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un. Pacific Corp.	79	[illegible]
Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Aircraft	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Brands	[illegible]	5
Utd Merch & Man	11	[illegible]
U.S. Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westghse El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

	May 8	May 7
Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alg Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asbestos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Sup. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Inv. Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Bat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Distiller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker Can.	5.30	5.40
Hud Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hud Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
I.A.C. Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imp. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Ferguson	17	[illegible]
Power Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Price Bros.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tex. Can.	31	[illegible]
Trans Mnt. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker H.	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.C.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3415 ($2.3400); three months, $2.3057 ($2.3028); Canadian dollar, 97.25c (97.55c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index fell 0.55 to 377.[illegible]. The futures index was up 1.55 at 359.54.

The Dow Jones averages.—industrials, 840.58 (836.44); transportation 170.72 (170.85); utilities, 76.37 (75.47); 65 stocks, 255.40 (254.[illegible]).

New York Stock Exchange index, 47.47 (47.35); industrials, 52.79 (52.50); transportation, [illegible] ([illegible]); utilities, 31.05 (30.[illegible]); financial, 49.36 (49.09).

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabean futures closed mostly 5¼c higher to unchanged. Oil fell 0.10c to 0.65c while meal gained $0.50 to $1.20. SOYABEANS.—May, 514c; July, 5[illegible]c; Aug, 497c; Sept, 491-490c; Nov, 491-495c; Jan, 497c; March, 506c; May, 510c; July, 516c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $118.0; July, $119.60; Aug, $121.00-121.50; Sept, $122.50-122.90; Oct, $123.50; Dec, $126.50; Jan, $127.00-128.00; March, $130.00-131.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 23.05c; July, 21.55-21.60c; Aug, 21.16c; Sept, 20.70c; Oct, 20.40c; Dec, 19.85-19.90c; Jan, 19.35-19.40c; March, 18.95-19.00c; May, 18.30c; July, 18.25c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed 1¼c firm 1½c to 2½c higher. May, 318¼c; July, 313-314¼c; Sept, 318¼c; Dec, 327[illegible]c; March, 335c. MAIZE closed mixed 4¼c higher to 1¼c lower. May, 274-274¼c; July, 271-271¼c; Sept, 259¼c; Dec, 245-245¾c; March, 24[illegible]-249¼c; May, 252¼c. OATS closed easier 3¼c higher to unchanged. May, 166c; July, 146¼-147c; Sept, 141¼c; Dec, 142¼c; March, 145c.

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It is the nature and virtue of the free-enterprise system that, when one road is blocked, it seeks opportunities elsewhere. Unless we are to assume that all roads in this country will shortly be blocked—in which case the public company and its private shareholders have no future to worry about anyway—such opportunities must continue to be pursued. There is no doubt that they exist. Indeed, even within our Organisation's present range of interests, they are very considerable. In publishing and communications there is technology already proven and available which could, in appropriate circumstances, revolutionise the cost and profit structure of our newspapers and magazines. In travel and leisure, the many doubts and setbacks of the past year—and the difficulties immediately ahead—must not blind us to the enormous pressure of pent-up demand. And in North Sea oil, although the risks and uncertainties remain immense, so do the potential rewards for a successful operator in our present worried and energy-hungry world.

The above extracts are taken from the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1974 which can be obtained from the Secretary, The Thomson Organisation Limited.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS	1974 £000	1973 £000
Turnover	201,649	175,673
Trading Profit	11,435	15,507
Profit after Taxation and before Extraordinary Items	3,629	5,603
Earnings per Share	6.67p	12.65p
Dividend cover	1.4	2.8
Dividends per Share	6.61p*	6.61p*

(*gross equivalent)

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

Sterling's decline accelerated on the foreign exchanges yesterday. Its devaluation widened substantially from Wednesday night's 23.5 per cent, to a worst-ever 23.8 per cent. In terms of the French, Dutch, Belgian, West German and Norwegian currencies, sterling dropped to its weakest ever. It also hit a new two-year "low" against Danish and Swedish currencies.

Dealers said the market was becoming increasingly concerned that the forthcoming referendum might vote Britain out of the EEC. Such a move, they argued, would shatter what little confidence there is left in the pound and severely damage Britain's credit-worthiness abroad.

In addition, operators were unnerved by the Government's apparent reluctance to halt the pound's slide and its inability to curb either inflation or excessive wage claims. Against the fast-sinking dollar the pound just held its own, closing 30 points up, at $2.3415.

The market was extremely quiet and selling pressure on the pound was only light as Europe was closed for its Ascension Day holiday. Many senior dealers were away attending their annual Forex Club meeting in Venice.

The dollar undermined by predictions of prime rates falling to 6.5 per cent, weakened everywhere.

Gold rose 75 cents, to $166.75 an ounce.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) May 8	Market rates (close) May 8
New York	$2.3370-3425	$2.3410-3420
Montreal	$2.3600-4030	$2.4020-4030
Amsterdam	5.59-65fl	5.60½-60½fl
Brussels	81.40-82.10f	81.80-90f
Copenhagen	12.81-86k	12.83-85k
Frankfurt	5.49-53m	5.49½-50½m
Lisbon	56.90-57.50e	56.50-57.10e
Madrid	130.90-131.10p	130.90-131.10p
Milan	1465-74lr	1467-69lr
Oslo	11.52-60k	11.54-55k
Paris	9.45-53f	9.47-49f
Stockholm	9.15-23k	9.17½-19½k
Tokyo	675-85y	680-82y
Vienna	37.80-39.15sch	38.95-39.05sch
Zurich	5.85¾-89¾f	5.86-87f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 8.3 to 23.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.28-1.18c prem	3.05-3.35c prem
Montreal	1.10-1.00c prem	3.50-3.30c prem
Amsterdam	4-3c prem	11-10c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	100-80c prem
Copenhagen	6-3ore prem	18-5ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	12-11pf prem
Lisbon	20c prem-60c disc	60c prem-120c disc
Milan	4lr-1lr prem	8½-5½lr prem
Oslo	3ore prem-par	7-4ore prem
Paris	3-1c prem	9-6c prem
Stockholm	3ore prem-par	7-4ore prem
Vienna	35-05gro prem	75-45gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	12½-11½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9742-45.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 4¾-5¼; seven days, 5¼-5¾; one month, 5¾-5¾; three months, 6⅛-6⅜; six months, 7⅛-7⅜.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $165¾ (an ounce); pm, $166¾. Krugerrand (per coin): $204-206 (£87¼-88¼) (domestic) $171-173½ (£73-73¾) (international). Sovereigns: (old), $50½-52 (£21½-22¼) (new) $52½-54 (£22¼-23) (international).

Discount market

The Bank of England gave small-scale help directly to the discount houses yesterday when the supply of fresh overnight funds looked to be running a little dry. The bank bought Treasury and corporation bills.

It proved a fairly quiet session, with some patchiness from time to time. Rates eased gently during the morning from the opening 8¾ or 8½ per cent to midday levels around 8 per cent. Then they tended to firm again, touching 8¾ or 8½ per cent before shading to closing positions in the 7 to 7½ per cent area. Dealers reported only light activity in bills.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 2/5/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 9½ Close 7
Week Fixed: 8½-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅝	2 months	9¼
3 months	9⅝	3 months	9½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅝-9¾	3 months	11
3 months	10-9⅝	4 months	11½
4 months	10⅛-10	6 months	11¾
6 months	10⅛-10¼		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	11½-11
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11½-11
3 months	11-10½	9 months	12¼-11¾
4 months	11¼-10¾	10 months	12¼-11¾
5 months	11¼-10¾	11 months	12¼-11¾
6 months	11½-11	12 months	12¼-11¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9¾-9½	6 months	10½-10¼
3 months	10-9¾	12 months	11⅛-11⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9-8¾	3 months	10¼
7 days	9¾	6 months	10¾
1 month	9¾	1 year	12¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 8½ Close 10

1 week	8½-8¾	6 months	10⅜-10⅝
1 month	9½-9⅝	9 months	11½-11⅝
3 months	10¼-10	12 months	11½-11¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10½ 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%, up to £25,000 6½%, over £25,000 7¼%.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	43	—	3.0	7.0	4.8
123	90	Henry Sykes	123	—	4.9	4.0	8.2
61	29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
61	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	61	—	12.0	19.7	—

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars were steady; cathodes inactive.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £556.50-56 a metric ton; three months, £554.00-54.50. Sales, 1,050 tons. Cash cathodes, £538.00-38; three months, £543.50-44. Sales, 500 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £552-53; three months, £551-52. Settlement, £553. Sales, 4,875 tons (half carries). Cash cathodes, £533-35; three months, 540.50-41. Settlement, £535. Sales, 1,300 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER was irregular.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 192.80p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 451.4); three months, 198.10p (457.1c); six months, 203.90p (464.3c); one-year, 217.00p (481.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 193.7-93.0p; three months, 198.2-98.5p; seven months, 205.3-06.0p. Sales, 194 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, 192.5-3.0p; three months, 197.8-8.0p; seven months, 204.8-5.0p. Settlement, 193.0p. Sales, 27 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was steady; high grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £2,968-70 a metric ton; three months, £3,003-04. Sales, 350 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £2,968-70; three months, £3,003-04. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £2,965-67; three months, £3,000-01. Settlement, £2,967. Sales, 445 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £2,965-67; three months, £3,000-01. Settlement, £2,967. Sales, nil tons.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £190.00-90.50 a metric ton; three months, £184.50-85.00. Sales, 1,225 tons. Morning.—Cash, £190.75-91; three months, £185-85.25. Settlement, £191. Sales, 2,025 tons.

ZINC was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £322.00-23 a metric ton; three months, £310.50-11.50. Sales, 250 tons. Morning.—Cash, £323-24; three months, £310-10.50. Settlement, £324. Sales, 2,125 (half carries) tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by 50p to £65.50-£65.50 ($148.50-$152.50) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, May-June, £244.00; Bangladesh white "D" grade, May-June, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, May-June, Rs460; Dundee Daisee, May-June, Rs430 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures closed steady.—May, 158.0-65.0p per kilo; July, 163.0-66.0p; Oct, 168.5-69.5p; Dec, 172.0-73.0p; March, 177.0-77.5p; May, 178.5-81.5p; July, 180.0-83.0p; Oct, 184.0-89.0p. Sales: seven lots.

Bradford.—Further price rises in wool have taken top quotations up to the highest point of the year again. Topmakers find business quiet and the rising price trend has few advantages in this respect. It is being forced by better world demand, some of it stemming from Bradford at all wool sales recently held.

Floor-price support for wool by growers' organizations is now at an end and the trade is capable of buying everything offered. While better prices do bring out some business there is naturally disappointment at the persistence of recession and failure of confidence to grow. Top quotations in pence per kilo: 64's warp 190; 60's super 173; 58's super 148; 56's super 135; 50's carded 127; 48's carded 108.

RUBBER closed about steady.—June, 27.20-27.60p per kilo; July, 27.60-28.00p; July/Sept, 28.10-28.35p; Oct/Dec, 29.40-29.45p; Jan/March, 30.55-30.60p; April/June, 31.50-31.85p; July/Sept, 33.10-33.30p; Oct/Dec, 32.55-32.70p; Jan/March, 33.10-33.20p. Sales: 74 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot: 36.00-37.00p. Cif's: June, 25.90-26.00p; July, 26.25-26.75p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 34.0-36.0p per lb; *Scotch killed sides, 37.0p. English hindquarters (heavy), 34.5-37.0p; English forequarters, 27.0-28.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 44.5-46.0p; Ulster forequarters, 25.0-26.5p; Eire hindquarters, 43.05-45.0p; Eire forequarters, 25.0-26.5p.

VEAL: English fats, 39.0-43.0p; *English fats, 35.0p; English bobbies, 12.0-14.0p; Scotch bobbies, 10.0-14.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 60.0-62.0p; *Dutch hinds and ends, 63.5p.

LAMB: English small, new season, 40.0-44.0p; *English small, new season, 46.0p; English medium, new season, 40.0-44.0p; English heavy, new season, 38.0-41.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand 2's, 29.0-29.5p; New Zealand 8's, 28.0-28.0p; New Zealand YL's, 27.5-28.0p. HOGGETS: English, 36.0-36.0p; Scotch, 30.0-38.0p.

EWES: 12.0-15.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lb, 27.0-34.0p; 100-120lb, 27.0-33.0p; 120-160lb, 28.0-31.5p; 160-180lb, 26.0-29.0p; 180lb and over, 25.0-26.0p.

* Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—During the afternoon futures mostly recouped earlier losses on modest general buying induced by United States futures, although day-trader profit-taking pared gains finally. Values finished £1.5 higher to £1.5 lower on balance in a turnover of 765 lots.

Arabica terminal was fully steady on dealer-covering at 20 points higher to unchanged on balance in a turnover of 79 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—May, £396.0-7.0 per metric ton; July, £400.5-01.0; Sept, £399.5-400.0; Nov, £398.5-99.5; Jan, £403.0-4.0; March, £406.5-7.5; New May, £407.5-9.0: sales: 763 lots, including five options.

ARABICAS.—June, $56.80-57.10 per 50 kilos; Aug, $58.80-59.00; Oct, $58.60-58.80; Dec, $58.90-59.00; Feb, $59.30-59.50; April, $59.50-59.80; June, $59.60-60.50. Sales: 79 lots.

COCOA futures closed quietly steady following a generally dull afternoon session. Prices were a little erratic but finished on the downside at £5.00 to £1.50 per tonne lower on balance.

The Ascension Day holiday on the Continent was cited by dealers as a significant quieting influence.

May, £449.0-52.0 per metric ton; July, £461.5-63.0; Sept, £467.5-68.0; Nov/Dec, £489.0-90.0; March, £497.5-98.0; May, £500.0-01.0; July, £503.5-05.0. Sales, 1,513 lots, including two options.

SUGAR.—Terminal moved narrowly during afternoon dealings with a quiet New York market and the Ascension Day holiday on the Continent tending to curb fresh trading interest. Prices closed £1.25 lower to £1.75 higher on balance.

Light trade-buying and shortcovering met a mixed selling and local profit-taking interest which resulted in a turnover of 3,928 lots.

Aug, £186.70-6.80 a long ton; Oct, £183.95-44.50; Dec, £183.56-4.00; March, £180.00-80.50; May, £177.00-8.00; Aug, £176.75-7.00; Oct, £173.10-4.00. Sales, 3,928 lots.

MARK LANE.—Business remained slow yesterday with generally unchanged price valuations. No business was reported to the London area but scattered trades elsewhere included May deliveries of denaturable wheat to Hampshire at £50.50 per long ton. May deliveries of feed barley to East Anglia at £51 and June deliveries of milling wheat to South Wales, at £53.50 per long ton.

Liverpool paid £66 per long ton for March/June 1976 delivery of milling wheat. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery, London area. Wheat milling, May, £51.80; June, £52.50; Oct/Dec, £50. Denaturable, May, £50. Barley feed, May, £51.60.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—All sections of the imported grains market experienced very dull trading conditions yesterday, mainly reflecting the closure of many Continental markets for Ascension Day. Prices showed small irregular movements where changed.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring number two 14 per cent, June, £80.50; July, £79.55; Aug, £77.00, trans-shipment East Coast; June, £76.85 direct Tilbury. United States hard winter number two 13½'s per cent; July, £6?.30 direct Tilbury.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American, French, May, £51; June, £52; July, £52.75 trans-shipment East Coast. South African white dent, May-June, £59.50 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed, May, £49.75; June, £50.75 East Coast. All a long ton cif United Kingdom unless stated.

BACON: Open-market offerings of certain origins at first-hand level were proving slow to clear this week, according to agents.

However, prices for all selections were left unchanged again at yesterday's official setting for imported and Ulster sides. Danish sides, therefore, continue at £800 per long ton, top-grade Ulster and top-grade Irish Republican at £795 and Swedish sides at £78 5.

Total supplies for the week ending May 10 are estimated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at 10,090 tons, compared with a final figure of 9,960 tons for supplies in the previous week.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin, BARLEY quietly steady. May, £48.90; Sept, £51.95; Nov, £53.70; Jan, £55.70; March, £57.50. WHEAT, quietly steady.—May, £48.66; Sept, £55.93; Nov, £56.20; Jan, £63.10; March, £59.90. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Soft milling WHEAT.—Cambridge, £49.00; Wales, £49.00. Feeding BARLEY.—Cambridge £48.00.

LAGANVALE ESTATES
Taxable loss after interest salaries, etc, £108,000 (profit £33,000) for half year. Turnover £85,000 (£313,000). Loss a share is 5.53p (earnings, 0.86p). Further losses expected for second half.

SELIGMAN RAYNER
An associate of Compco Holdings has acquired 100,000 ordinary shares at 55 3/16p a share.

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Recent Issues

Dev Brazil ... [illegible]
Finance For Ind ... [illegible]
GLC ... [illegible]
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Nth Atlantic ... [illegible]
Rank Org ... [illegible]
Slough Est ... [illegible]
Southend ... [illegible]
Sutton War ... [illegible]
Warwickshire ... [illegible]
Yorks Chem ... [illegible]

RIGHTS ISSUES
Ass Biscuit ... [illegible]
Aurora Hldgs ... [illegible]
Barratt Dev ... [illegible]
Bridon ... [illegible]
Cons Gold Fields ... [illegible]
Croda Int ... [illegible]
Delta Metal ... [illegible]
Fothergill and H ... [illegible]
Guardian Hyd ... [illegible]
GKN ... [illegible]
Macpherson, D ... [illegible]
Martin Black ... [illegible]
Morgan Crucible ... [illegible]
Rolls-R Motors ... [illegible]
Sketchley ... [illegible]
Spirax-Sarco ... [illegible]
Steetley ... [illegible]
W. Selection ... [illegible]

Issued price in parentheses ... [illegible]

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103¼	104¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	85	88
Ashland 8 1987	90½	91½
BICC 7¾ 1987	68	72
Bristol 8¼ 1979	93	94
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987	88	89
Carrier 8 1987	88¼	89¾
Chevron 7 1980	96½	98
Conoco 7 1980	96	97¾
Conoco 8 1986	94¼	95¾
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	83	84
Coventry 8¼ 1981	91	95
Coventry 8¼ 1980	90½	93½
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	89	90
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102½	103½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	90½	91½
Dana 8 1987	90½	91½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	83¼	84¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¼ 1991	80	81
Dundee 9¼ 1983	95	95
Escom 9¼ 1989	90¼	92¼
Escom Floating Rate 1983	96¾	97¾
First Chicago 7 1980	95	96
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	80	84
GATX 8¼ 1987	88	89
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	77
Hambros 7¾ 1987	78	81
ICI 7¾ 1992	78	81
International Util 8¾ 1982	95¼	96¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	73¼	76¼
Manchester 8¼ 1981	89	91
Mexico 8¾ 1991	81	87
Michelin 7¾ 1988	87¼	88¼
Mitsubishi 9 1989	92	93½
Motorola 8 1987	91	93
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	76	79
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	86	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102½	103½
N. A. Rockwell 8¼ 1987	87¼	88¼
Occidental 7¾ 1984	82	84
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89	91
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	100¼	101¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	89½	90½
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	88¼	89¼
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	81¼	85¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	93½	94½
Shell 7¾ 1987	90½	91½
Singer 11 1977	101	103
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Slough 8 1988	65	67
South Africa 8 1987	81	85
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	100¼	101¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¼	98¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	97¼	98¼
Sybron 8 1987	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	83¼	85¼
Textron 7¾ 1987	83¼	85¼
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97¼
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	89	90
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	93½	95½
Volvo 8 1987	88	89
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	81	84
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
Charter (DM) 6¼ 1988/83	83	83
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	81	82
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	100½	101½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	74½	75½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	85	86
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	92	93
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	103	104
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	87¼	88¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104	105
Suedafrica (DM) 8¼ 1970/85	93	93
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	89	90
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	60	62
American Express 4¼ 1987	82	84
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	84	86
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	103	105
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1995	95	97
Borden 5 1992	89	91
Borden 6¾ 1991	102	104
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	69	71
Carnation 4 1987	87¼	89¼
Chevron 5 1992	89½	91½
Cummins 6¼ 1986	82	84
Dart 4¾ 1987	84	86
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	118	120
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	80	82
Eaton 5 1987	69	71
Ford 5 1988	73	75
Ford 6 1986	81	85
Gillette 4¾ 1987	79	81
Gould 5 1987	79	81
General Electric 4¼ 1987	82	84
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	125	127
Harris 5 1987	68	70
Honeywell 6 1986	74	76
ITT 4¾ 1987	69	71
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	136	138
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	121	126
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	87	89
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	85	87
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	87¼	89¼
Revlon 4¾ 1987	101	103
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	43	44
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	95	97
Squibb 4¼ 1987	85	87
Texaco 4¾ 1988	70	72
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	111	113
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	93	95
Xerox Corp 5 1988	75	77

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AUGUST THYSSEN-HÜTTE AG

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1973/4 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR–FURTHER INCREASE IN PRODUCTION, SALES AND EARNINGS

WIDENING SCOPE OF GROUP'S ACTIVITIES CONTINUES

The following is a summary of the Annual Report 1973/74 submitted by the Management of August Thyssen-Hütte to the annual meeting of Shareholders.

During the year the Thyssen Group made renewed progress in production, sales and income. The equity capital was increased and the dividend raised to 7 DM per 50 DM share. There has been a widening of our activities by the entry of Rheinstahl into the Thyssen Group, and the various divisions of the Group have been reorganised.

The figures illustrate the progress made. In order to give a clear picture of the economic development of the Thyssen Group, Rheinstahl has been fully included in the figures for both years.

		1972/73	1973/74
Overall production (Index 1972/73=100)		100	106
Revenue from sales	Million DM	17,195	22,750
Profit for the year	Million DM	179	340
Dividend total amount	Million DM	101	151
share of 50 DM par value	DM	5	7

New Structure

Our field of operations in 1973/74 acquired an additional principal sector. Supplementing the highly efficient steel sectors and world-wide trade, Thyssen is now active in several processing sectors, especially those oriented to capital goods. The widening of our basis became effective at the beginning of 1974 after the approval by the Commission of the European Economic Community of the merger with the Rheinstahl AG. On October 1st 1974 numerous steps came into force to reorganise the activities of the Thyssen Group.

Market Conditions

The wider range of the Group is documented by the supplementation of our traditional sales programmes. Raw materials, steel, industrial intermediate products and capital goods down to complete factory installations are today as much a constituent part of this range as the consumer oriented trade diversification programme.

The course of business in these numerous markets in 1973/74 despite great regional and sectorial differences, was more favourable than the economic situation as a whole. This was particularly true of the world steel market where, at times, the demand reached an extremely high level. The steel demand on the domestic market weakened, however. Steel consumption stagnated although stock decline which normally takes place during such phases did not occur. Decreased imports caused by the boom on the world market, eased our sales of steel products in the Federal Republic. On the processing markets the decline in demand that occurred in 1973/74 could partly be compensated for by intensified export endeavours. Some sectors were influenced by the decline in the building industry. The international capital goods business continued to expand.

Further developments on the Thyssen markets will also be influenced by the duration and the extent of the present recession in the world economy. For most product groups, incoming orders in the steel sector have shown a falling trend for some months past. Clear restraint on the part of foreign customers has led to a break in the previously experienced steep upward trend in this sector. In the medium term, however, we expect a continuation of steel growth. In the processing sectors the demand has also weakened. But the overall backlog of orders is having a stabilising effect on employment. In the case of products for energy investments the order situation is favourable.

Thyssen Figures

The level of utilisation at our works and production facilities was largely good during the year. Compared with the previous year there was an actual increase in overall production of 6%. At times bottlenecks in raw material supplies occurred. There was a considerable rise in the delivery costs of pre-materials.

In our steel and rolling mills most of the plants worked to capacity. The production of crude steel was increased by 8% to the present capacity limit of just under 17 million tons. The production of rolled steel amounted to 13.8 million tons which is 6% more than in 1972/73. In the case of the individual products, developments were marked by considerable differences. Expansion occurred particularly in the steel plate sector.

Our processing works recorded satisfactory utilisation in the majority of cases. Forging, drawing and cold rolling mills as well as steel shaping showed an average increase in production of 5%. The production of castings was up by 7%. It was also possible to increase the output of steel construction and wagons. In the sheet steel processing sector, on the other hand, the recession in the building industry was increasingly noticeable. There was a clear decline in the sales of building machines. There was therefore an overall decrease of 7% in the volume of production in machine building although other parts of this sector increased their output. In the shipbuilding sector which worked to full capacity, output increased by 1%.

The group's external turnover increased by almost one third to 22.8 billion DM as compared with the preceding year. The favourable export earnings in the steel business contributed especially to this expansion. Exports increased by 48% to 7.7 billion DM and thus accounted for 34% of total external turnover against 30% the previous year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as per September 30th 1974 (Summary)

	30.9.1974 in million DM
ASSETS	
Invested capital	
Gross fixed assets	14,770.1
Depreciation	10,232.4
Net fixed assets	4,537.7
Financial Assets	948.0
	5,485.7
Current assets	8,351.6
Total	13,837.3
LIABILITIES	
Share capital and reserves	2,891.3
Other reserves	3,405.4
Financial liabilities	3,310.0
Other liabilities (incl. dividend)	4,230.6
Total	13,837.3

On the whole, an improved result is shown in the Profit and Loss Account despite negative influences arising from the structural adjustments in the Rheinstahl sector. This result is better than in the good financial year of 1969/70.

The Future

The short-term prospects are characterised by economic risks which are increasingly acquiring world-wide proportions. In this situation there must be a flexible response to new data and the Group's efficiency must be further improved. In order to meet rising costs and to expand our market position in the growth categories, capital investment is being increased.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts in English may be obtained from the Company and from Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, New Court, St. Swithin's Lane, EC4P 4DU and from S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., 30 Gresham Street, EC2P 2EB and National Westminster Bank Limited, Stock Office Services, 41 Lothbury, EC2.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
[illegible]	20.6	Giants	30.6	32.4	4.30
33.6	21.7	Do Accum	32.0	33.9	4.30
29.1	18.2	Growth	27.8	29.3	4.30
30.5	19.0	Do Accum	28.9	30.7	4.30
30.7	20.7	Income	28.9	31.1	8.20
[illegible]	23.4	Do Accum	31.9	34.1	8.20
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	19.8	20.6	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
21.5	10.8	Abbey Capital	20.1	21.4	4.17
33.1	19.2	Abbey General	31.3	33.3	3.54
[illegible]	11.0	Do Income	22.4	23.8	5.99
[illegible]	13.4	Do Invest	22.5	23.1	3.97
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.2	32.1	Alben Trst*	55.2	59.4	4.10
44.6	24.3	Do Income*	43.3	46.6	6.11

[illegible]

Offshore and International Funds

[illegible]

* Ex dividend. [illegible]

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Stock Exchange Prices

Firm tone maintained

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 5. Dealings End, May 16. § Contango Day, May 19. Settlement Day, May 28.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1974/75 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
[illegible]	90¼	Savings 3% 1965-75		98	-⅛	3.061	10.870
[illegible]	89¾	Exch 6½% 1976		97⅞	+⅛	6.679	10.005
[illegible]	88	Treas 6½% 1976		95⅛	..	6.725	10.255
99	95	Victory 4% 1976		99	+⅛	4.034	7.165
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1976		[illegible]	[illegible]	10.518	10.611
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6½% 1977		[illegible]	..	6.728	10.630
[illegible]	81¼	Elec 3% 1974-77		90	+¼	3.335	8.012
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 1977		101½	[illegible]	11.330	10.733
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3% 1977		[illegible]	[illegible]	3.485	8.473
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans 4% 1972-77		[illegible]	[illegible]	4.626	10.002
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 1978		94¾	[illegible]	9.538	11.363
[illegible]	96	Treas 10½% 1978		[illegible]	[illegible]	10.768	11.445
[illegible]	76	Exch 5¼% 1976-78		84¾	[illegible]	5.992	10.417
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3% 1979		[illegible]	[illegible]	3.919	9.660
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 1979		[illegible]	[illegible]	11.553	11.548
[illegible]	[illegible]	Elec 4¼% 1974-79		[illegible]	[illegible]	5.438	10.605
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1979		[illegible]	[illegible]	10.816	11.337
[illegible]	[illegible]	Elec 3½% 1976-79		77	[illegible]	4.545	9.945
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas C 9½% 1980		[illegible]	[illegible]	9.834	11.336
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 5½% 1978-80		[illegible]	[illegible]	6.591	10.494
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3½% 1977-80		76¼	[illegible]	4.675	9.694
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3½% 1979-81		73	[illegible]	4.952	9.950
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1980-82		88	[illegible]	9.371	11.731
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12% 1980		[illegible]	[illegible]	12.340	12.358
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 5½% 1982-84		[illegible]	[illegible]	7.606	12.602
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1984-86		[illegible]	[illegible]	10.802	13.029
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 6½% 1985-87		[illegible]	[illegible]	9.731	11.757
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 1985-88		[illegible]	[illegible]	11.104	12.680
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans 3% 1978-88		[illegible]	[illegible]	7.346	12.114
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5% 1986-89		[illegible]	[illegible]	10.047	12.663
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1985		[illegible]	[illegible]	14.437	14.534
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%		[illegible]	[illegible]	15.288	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%		[illegible]	[illegible]	14.764	..

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Investment Dollar Premium 103¼% (103¼%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.5511.

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* Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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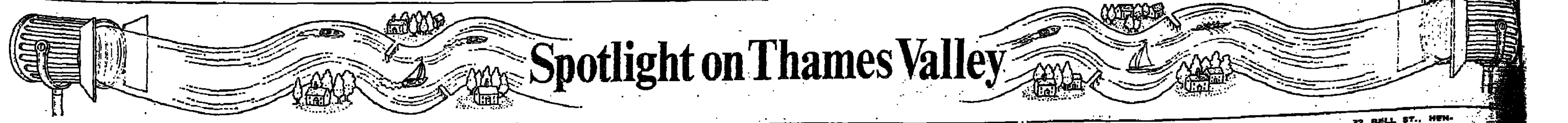

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In search of the quintessential village

Around London, in the Home Counties, the property market is determined by a set of equations in which railway stations and motorway access to the centre of the city figure prominently. In the Thames Valley, the gentle diminution of the river, as it slides away from commutable distance and into the countryside near Oxford, provides a crucial further factor. The villages that stud the upper reaches of the Thames become quintessentially British in the eyes of many house-hunters, and it is one of the ironies of the present erratic market for expensive charm that oil-rich Arabs are tending to take over from Americans in its pursuit.

Near Ascot, and relatively close to London, there is a fair amount of demand for the sort of away-from-it-all weekend cottage which can be described in this way. A detached Elizabethan cottage near Warfield is currently on the market, for example, set in three acres and totally surrounded by rolling countryside. With three bedrooms, inglenook fireplaces and a complete restoration, its proximity to three railway stations brings the asking price up to £60,000.

As well as the out-of-the-ordinary rural hideaway, foreign businessmen are also moving into Wentworth, the prime residential area outside Ascot.

A large house built in the 1920s with access to the 17th fairway, six bedrooms and four bathrooms, is on the market at just under £100,000. Prices may be hardening slightly, and there is probably a fair selection of houses on the market at the moment: for around £30,000, four-bedroom, two-bathroom Georgian style houses in good residential areas are the norm: there is also a choice of older three-bedroom houses. At the bottom of one of the most expensive markets in the country, there is a floor of about £13,000: for £13,500, one can find an elderly semi-detached with three bedrooms in an area like South Ascot.

In Marlow, still within an 80-minute drive from London, the market is also uncertain: the end of the boom last year left prices confused and this is still the picture except for the cheaper houses sought by first-time buyers. There a reasonably steady demand keeps up some sort of market, and has even boosted prices. A renovated terrace house without a garage will fetch £11-12,500 in and around Marlow, a modern central town house, characterless but comfortable will start selling at around £12,500. For £16,500 to £17,000, modern three-bedroom detached houses are available, with four bedrooms, they go at around £18,000.

The more expensive houses are the most uncertain in price. Properties with potential that need renovating always get snapped up, especially if they are by the river, and a rarity like a completely unmodernized eighteenth-century two-up and two-down in the countryside near Reading is currently on the market at £22,000.

But the £40,000-£70,000 range is continuing to linger on the market, and a new uncertainty has arrived. One estate agent reports "This area is for people who don't need to get into work until 10 am. We find purchasers in private industry are becoming a bit nervous and there have been one or two cases where the vendor has withdrawn at the last minute. He has decided his job might be in danger in the present economic climate and he had better not saddle himself with a bigger mortgage."

Any new houses that builders have found hard to sell in the depression of the past few months would be a good bargain, but few are now left, except in the £40,000 range.

In Maidenhead, still within easy range of London, if not yet in an area of bucolic charm, the market is similarly brisk in cheap houses, confused in dearer ones. It is hard to find anything below £11,000, but there is a reasonable choice at that price and a good deal of property available up to £20,000, including a good cross-section of older terraced cottages. There is a patchy supply situation none the less. Expensive houses are tending to stick and the sort of unusual and attractive cottage with pretty views that used to go for more than £55,000, is now down in the £40,000 range. A four-bedroomed, 150-year-old country cottage with an acre of ground and an old barn is on offer for about £40,000.

In Reading itself, the largest town in the area, there is a fair amount of property in the £10-£15,000 range available in the town itself and in the larger villages nearby, such as Thatcham. It is still possible to buy a new terraced house with a garage and central heating for not much more than £10,000.

Reading is still benefiting from the relocation of former London-based companies. In the past few months, two companies have moved their headquarters there, bringing about 1,000 employees. It is estimated that 750 of them set about buying houses in the area and this has livened up the market.

Farther up-stream, prices on the riverside tend, as a rough rule of thumb, to fall. On a property worth about £20,000 there could be as much as a £3-4,000 differential between somewhere like Marlow and a village like Thame, an undeveloped market town with an attractive high street between Henley and Oxford.

But an attractive stretch of riverside can push prices way up once again, although tax-relief restrictions have all but killed the market in weekend cottages except for the wealthiest buyers. In Henley-on-Thames, interest has picked up surprisingly this spring. One estate agent reports: "We have been getting the office full of inquirers at the weekends, just like the old days." Nevertheless, vendors seem to be accepting that the good times have gone, and they are much more amenable to the idea of setting realistic, rather than speculative, prices. A three to four-bedroom cottage in the countryside comes on to the market occasionally, at about £30-40,000.

In Goring, the demand in the £30,000 plus range is reported to be hardening over the past six months. In this small village, pretty close to a main line station, and with a reasonable amount of post-war property available, a modern four-bedroom detached house on the village edge has just sold for £35,000, with some ground attached. Sonning, perhaps the prettiest of the Thames-side villages, has very little new housing and prices reflect this. A new five-bedroom house in the village centre is going for £45,000; a three-bed terrace with no garage for £20,000.

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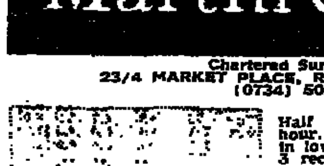

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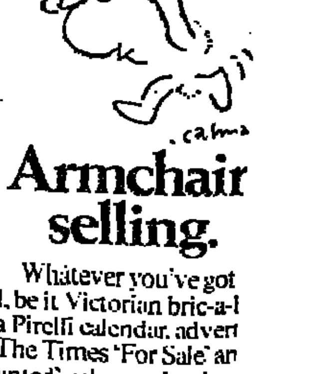

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Few country houses built in recent years succeed in combining a touch of the grand manner with an essentially modern architectural style and layout. One that might fairly be put into that category is Stratton Park, at Stratton, near Micheldever, Hampshire, built in the 1960s for Mr and Mrs John Baring, the vendors, on the site of an older house which had fallen into disrepair. The old building was demolished, except for its impressive Doric portico, which has been retained beside, but separate from the house. The new building, designed by Mr Stephen Gardiner and Mr Christopher Knight, consists of two two-storey blocks, linked by a single-storey hall. A primary feature is the large conservatory.

The main accommodation consists of three reception rooms, including a first-floor drawing room, eight bedrooms and five bathrooms. The original stable block of the old house has been converted into two flats and garages, and forms a pleasant setting for the heated swimming pool. Wooded grounds extend to about 15 acres, although the proposed extension to the M3 motorway, if built, will cross part of the property. Offers in the £70,000 to £100,000 price bracket are being asked. The agents are Savills and Knight Frank and Rutley.

Water mill enthusiasts would find something to interest them in Littlecott Mill on the Avon at Enford, near Pewsey, Wiltshire. The eighteenth-century building is listed as being of special architectural and historic interest and incorporates the original working wing with its machinery. Built of brick with a tiled roof, the house has three reception rooms and six bedrooms. A large workshop and a modernized staff cottage also form part of the property. *Fishing rights over about 150 yards of one bank of the river are included and an acre of grounds incorporates a water garden in part of what used to be the mill race.* A price of £48,500 is being asked through Humbert, Flint, Rawlence and Squarey.

Newbridge Mill, on the Windrush at Standlake, near Witney, Oxfordshire, the home of the late Frank Howes, music critic *of The Times from 1925 until 1960, is also for sale. It is an* early seventeenth-century holding, and the house is built of stone with a Stonesfield slate roof. There are three reception rooms and four bedrooms, and in addition a detached cottage with three reception rooms and two bedrooms. The whole property runs to about 32 acres on both sides of the river, and the coarse fishing and the shooting are included in the sale. Offers in the region of £50,000 are being asked through Buckell and Ballard, of Oxford.

An unusual property is Friars Lawn, one of a pair of early Georgian houses at Norwood Green, Middlesex. About seven years ago Friars Lawn was completely renovated by the late George Whitby who owned it then. He was the architect responsible with the late Donald McMorran for the extension to the Old Bailey. The accommodation is on four floors and includes three reception rooms, five bedrooms and two staff rooms. The house is built of red brick, with the classical sash windows of its period, and the garden is *surrounded by the original high* walls in the same red brick as the house. The agents are Hampton and Sons, who are looking for offers in the region of £58,500.

At the same price is Haddenham Hall, in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, a Regency house with balconies, bay windows and a slate roof. It was built about 1830 and has two main reception rooms, study, playroom, main bedroom suite, *and six other bedrooms. The* garden, of about an acre, is extensively walled. The agents are Hamnett Raffety, of Princes Risborough.

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A high price could be reached by *The Fairlawne* Estate, at Shipbourne, Kent, home of the late Peter Cazalet. No figure is being quoted, although it might reach in the region of £1,250,000. The fine mansion, which has a grade I listing, was built mainly in the reign of William and Mary and includes five exceptionally good reception rooms, nine main bedrooms, three flats and staff quarters. The estate runs to about 1,552 acres, and *includes the famous training* stables where so many National Hunt winners were trained. The sale is through Bernard Thorpe and Partners.

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W.1.
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G. T. DOLLIMORE
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COMPANY NOTICES

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Register No. 444F—London
NOTICE is hereby given that the Society's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Foyer, The Opera House, Wintergardens, Blackpool, on WEDNESDAY 11th June 1975 at 4.45 p.m. to consider the following agenda: Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting; Election of Committee of Management; Election of One Trustee; Annual Report, Financial Statement and Balance Sheet; Alteration of Rules; To consider a recommendation of the Committee of Management that the Society be dissolved at 31st December 1975, or as soon as possible thereafter; Appointment of Auditors; any other business.
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Notice to Creditors to submit claims
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY wound up, are required on or before the 30th day of May 1975 being the day for that purpose fixed by the undersigned, Ian Douglas Barker Bond, of P.O. Box 207, 128 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4JX, the Liquidator of the said Company, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims, and of any security held by them, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, and if so required by notice in writing from me, the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims and to establish any title they may have to priority, at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved, or such priority is established, or, as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.
Dated this 1st day of May 1975.
I. D. B. BOND, Chartered Accountant Liquidator.

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Dated this 1st day of May 1975
I. D. B. BOND
Chartered Accountant, Liquidator

Registered No. 415005
Registered in England
In the matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 and in the matter of UNIMENT Limited, Volpoint House, Milford Industrial Estate, Toll Gate Road, Salisbury, Wilts.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on 16th May, 1975 at 12 noon for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 et seq of the said Act.
Dated this 29th day of April 1975
By Order of the Board
JOHN S. GORDON.
Director.

BENNETT FINE Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to *Section 293 of the Companies* Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held at the offices of W. J. Wall & Co., Suite 15, The Outer Temple, 222/225, Strand, London, WC2R 1BE on Friday 23rd May, 1975 at eleven o'clock in the fore noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated 6th May, 1975.
By order of the Board.
M. SL FINE,
Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00833 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Registrar Dearbergh In the Matter of THE GLOBE PLAYHOUSE TRUST Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that by an ORDER dated the 18th April 1975 made in the above matters the Court has directed a MEETING of the General CREDITORS of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") being all unsecured creditors of the Company as at the 13th January 1975 other than (1) the Disputed Creditors being the City Treasurer of Coventry and Morris Singer Foundry Limited whose respective debts are in dispute and (2) the Director Samuel Wanamaker to be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and (1) its said General Creditors (2) its said disputed Creditors and (3) the said Director and that such Meeting will be held at the offices of Messrs. W. H. Cork Gully & Co. situate at 19 Eastcheap London E.C.3 on Thursday, the 29th May 1975 at 12 o'clock noon at which place and time all the said *General Creditors* are requested to attend.
Any person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement forms of Proxy and copies of the *Statement required* to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above-mentioned Act at the offices of Messrs. W. H. Cork Gully & Co. situate at 19 Eastcheap aforesaid and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned *below during* usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday a Sunday or a Bank Holiday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting.
The said General Creditors may vote in person at the said Meeting or they may appoint another *person* whether a General Creditor or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.
It is requested that forms appointing Proxies be lodged at the offices of Messrs. W. H. Cork Gully & Co. situate at 19 Eastcheap aforesaid not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meeting but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the said Meeting.
By the said Order the Court has appointed *David Kingsley or failing* him Robin Riep or failing him Michael Gaze to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.
The said Scheme of *Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent* approval of the Court.
Dated this 5th day of May 1975.
PHILIP MILLS & CO. of 24 Chesham Place, London, S.W.1. Solicitors for the Company.

No. 001548 of 1975
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of MAINSTOW Limited *and in the Matter of the Companies* Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 5th day of May 1975 presented to *the said Court by* CHEMICAL BUILDING PRODUCTS Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Cleveland House, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, Creditors.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 9th day of June 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such *copy on payment of the regulated* charge for the same.
SAMUEL TONKIN & CO., 3, Berners Street, London W1P 4AD, Solicitors for the Petitioning Creditor.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a *firm, the name and address* of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock *in the afternoon* of the 6th day of June 1975.

No. 001117 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE *Chancery Division Companies Court* In the Matter of STAMCREST Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the *High Court of Justice* was on the 8th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by BELCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY Limited whose Registered Office is situate at 241 City Road, London, E.C.1. Creditors.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 9th day of June 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any *creditor or contributory of the said* Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
SAMUEL TONKIN & CO., 3, Berners Street, London, W1P 4AD. Solicitors for the *Petitioning Creditor.*
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, *if a firm*, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th day of June, 1975.

NO. 001480 OF 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of DE LA MAISON-EUVE PAGE Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 29th day of April 1975, presented to the said Court by Twentieth Century Banking Corporation Limited whose registered office is situate at Lancarian House, 127 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9DA and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2A 2LL on the 9th day of June 1975 and any creditor or contributory of *the said Company desirous* to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of Hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned *to any creditor or contributory* of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
BATT HOLDEN, 18 High Street, Wimbledon, S.W.19 5DX Solicitors for the *Petitioner.*
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, *if a firm*, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th day of June 1975.

In the Matter of HAMBLETON (NORTON) HOLDING COMPANY Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of June, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A. of 15 Wimpole Street, London, W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, *personally* or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 5th day of May, 1975.
PHILIP MONJACK.
Liquidator.
This notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

In the Matter of KATES COUTURE Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 13th day of June, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK F.C.A. of 15 Wimpole Street, London W.1 the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at *such time and place as shall be* specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 2nd day of May, 1975
PHILIP MONJACK.
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

CO 1484 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division, Companies Court In the Matter of LONDON STORE DESIGN Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice, was on the twenty fourth day of April 1975, presented to the said Court by Conditioned Environment Limited whose registered office is 507 Green Lanes, London N13 4BS and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 16th day of May 1975; and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his counsel for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
GERALD A. WALLER & CO., 90/92 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DJ Solicitors for the Petitioner.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, *and must be signed by the* person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th day of May 1975.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matters of: No 001453 of 1975 ASTRAL MANAGEMENT Limited No 001455 of 1975 INTERNET RADIO (PRODUCT) Limited No 001458 of 1975 YEWSABOS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that PETITIONS for the WINDING UP of the above named Companies by the High Court of Justice were on the 23th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by The Commissioners of Inland Revenue, of Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LB, and *that the said Petitions are directed* to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 9th day of June 1975, and any creditor or contributory of any of the said Companies desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on any of the said petitions may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel, for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of any of the said Companies requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
ERIC MOSES, Solicitor of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB.
NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of any of the said Petitions must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach *the above-named not later than four* o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th day of June 1975.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
D. N. 025409-6
ROBERTA ABRAMS VS. ROBERT ABRAMS Superior Court Fairfield County at Stamford April 21, 1975
NOTICE TO ROBERT ABRAMS
Upon the complaint of the Plaintiff in the above entitled action praying, for reasons therein set forth, for a dissolution of the marriage, alimony, custody and support of minor children, returnable before the above named Court on the first Tuesday of March, A. D., 1975, and now pending therein and upon an application in said action for a subsequent order of notice, it appearing that the residence of the defendant is unknown and that all reasonable efforts have been made since the institution of said action to ascer*tain it and have failed: that notice* of the institution of said action was given as required by order of notice theretofore issued, as of record appears: that the Defendant apparently has not received notice of the pendency of said action: that notice of the institution of this action most likely to come to his attention is that hereinafter ordered: it is ordered, that additional notice of the institution and pendency of said action be given the Defendant by some proper officer or indifferent person causing a true and attested copy of this order of notice to be published in the London Times, a newspaper circulated in London, England, (3) times consecutively, commencing on or before June 3, A. D., 1975, and that return of such service be made to the above named Court.
By Order of the Court
ALBERT J. BARR, Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court for Fairfield County at *Stamford.*

IN THE ESTATE OF R. W. WINCH DECEASED
TRUSTEE ACT 1925 S.27
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an interest in the estate of Ronald Walter Winch deceased late of 10 Hollywood Court Oathall Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex who died on the 26th day of March 1975 is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to the undersigned, the solicitors for the Personal Representatives, on or before the 19th day of July 1975 after which date the Personal Representatives will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, as respects the property so distributed be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.
Dated this 1st day of May 1975.
CARTWRIGHTS, Solicitors, 5 & 6 Kingston Buildings, Abbey Churchyard, Bath, Somerset. BA1 1LT. Solicitors for the Personal Representatives.

In the Matter of THORNFIELD (CABINETS) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 9th day of June, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned FRANK STANSIL of Hacker Young, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London Wall, London, E.C.2 the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 21st day of April 1975
FRANK STANSIL.
Liquidator.

In the Matter of R. A. CATTLE (YORK) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of June 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A. of 15 Wimpole Street, London, W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 5th day of May, 1975.
PHILIP MONJACK.
Liquidator.
This notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

In the matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 and in the matter of WAYGLEN CONSTRUCTION Limited (In Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 290 of the Companies Act 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Thursday, the 29th day of May 1975 at 3 p.m., to be followed at 3.15 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 5th day of May, 1975.
N. R. CORK.
Liquidator.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the matter of J. TIPPING (BUILDERS MERCHANTS) Limited (In Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 290 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of June, 1975, at 11.45 a.m., to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 6th day of May, 1975.
M. A. JORDAN.
Liquidator.

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

WROXTON COLLEGE OF FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Applications are invited for appointment to the post of RESIDENT TUTOR in the field of British Government and Politics, tenable from September 1, 1975. Applicants must be single.

Full accommodation plus salary with a range of £1,820.00 to £2,600.00 per year depending upon degree, age, and experience.

Applications giving details of qualifications and experience together with the names and addresses of three referees should be submitted to:

DIRECTOR, WROXTON COLLEGE,
Wroxton, Near Banbury, Oxon.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL BOTANY

Applications are invited for the following posts:

a. TECHNICAL OFFICER - Glasshouse Crops
b. SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Candidates should have a degree in Agriculture, Botany, or Horticulture with previous experience in agriculture or horticulture. Salary on scale £2,515 pa to £4,441 pa plus £229 threshold payments.

Further particulars of both posts and application forms from the Establishments Officer, NIAB, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0LE.

BOROUGH ROAD COLLEGE ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX

Tel: 01-560 5991

Head of the Department of Educational Technology

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Educational Technology, from 1st September, 1975. Candidates should possess first class experience in Educational Technology and good school experience is desirable. The College will be a component of a new Institute of Higher Education from September 1976 and the Department will be involved in courses for the new London Degrees, as well as courses for the Certificate of Education.

Salary, appropriate placing on Pelham scales, £4,206 to £5,412, plus London Area Allowance, £267.

Further information and forms are available from the Principal to whom completed applications should be sent not later than 22nd May.

KING'S SCHOOL, BRUTON, SOMERSET JUNIOR SCHOOL (HAZLEGROVE HOUSE)

The Governors of King's School, Bruton, invite applications for the post of HEADMASTER of the Junior School, vacant in January 1976. The School has 170 pupils—100 boarders and 70 day-boys. It is administered by the same Governing Body as the Senior School eight miles away, but the daily running is separate, and the Headmaster is a member of I.A.P.S. Generous accommodation is provided. Further details on application to The Senior Warden, King's School, Bruton, Somerset, to whom applications with curriculum vitae and names of three referees should be sent by Tuesday, 20th May at the latest.

HEADMASTER for English co-educational boarding school, ages 11 to 18 for September, 1976. Applicants must be between 35 and 45, have a university degree, good boarding school experience, and interest in the whole man. Write letter in own hand with curriculum vitae, references and names of three referees to John Corlette, Aiglon College, 1885 Chesières, Vaud, Switzerland.

SUSSEX POLICE.—Assistant Chief Constable, see £6,000 plus column.

WINCHESTER House School requires Senior Matron.—See Sec./General Vacancies.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Manchester

CHAIR OF ARCHITECTURE

The University of Manchester invites applications for a full-time Chair of Architecture. This is one of two Chairs, the other being held by Professor E. S. Benson.

Applications are invited from architects with interests in any aspect of education and practice. The University may give some preference to candidates with wide experience of architectural design.

Salary within the range for Professors. Superannuable. Applications (one copy suitable for photocopying) giving full details of qualifications, experience, etc., and the names and addresses of three referees should be sent to the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL, by May 31, 1975. Particulars of the appointment may be obtained from the Registrar, quoting reference 63/75/T.

University of The West Indies—Trinidad

Applications are invited for the post of (a) RESEARCH FELLOW or (b) JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW IN THE TEACHING OF READING, School of Education. A knowledge of Caribbean linguistic problems and experience in the development of reading materials for the primary level of education are essential. Familiarity with methods of training teachers of reading would be an advantage. Salary scales: (a) TT$13,200—TT$20,904 p.a. (b) TT$10,716—TT$11,748 p.a. (£1 sterling—TT$4.80). FSSU. Unfurnished accommodation will be let by the University at a rental of 10% of salary. If however, the staff member provides his own accommodation, he will be paid a housing allowance of 20% of his pensionable salary. Family passages. Study and Travel Grant. Detailed applications (six copies) including a curriculum vitae and naming three referees should be sent as soon as possible to the Secretary, University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad. Further particulars for this post will be sent to all applicants.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

Applications are invited for a TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP in Plant Physiology. The appointment to begin on 1st October, 1975, and end on 30th September, 1976. The person appointed will be required to teach in second and third year courses in plant cell physiology. Facilities and time will be available for the applicant to engage in research. The appointment will be at the first point of the Lecturers scale, £2,118 plus threshold.

Application forms and further details obtainable from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham. Closing date 26th May. Ref. No. 425.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH

RESEARCH FELLOW IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited from graduates in Economics for the post of Research Fellow tenable at the Institute of Social and Economic Research.

The successful applicant will work on a project, financed by the SSRC, concerned with a review of cost-effectiveness of health treatments. Candidates should have a thorough grounding in neo-classical applied welfare economics and especially the recent literature on the application of cost-benefit analysis to social policy.

The appointment is for two years from 1 October 1975 or earlier by arrangement. Salary scale £1,809-£2,247 (plus threshold payments of £229). Starting salary according to age, qualifications and experience. Six copies of applications, naming three referees, should be sent by Friday 30 May to the Registrar, University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Please quote reference number 1/6041.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The Queen's University of Belfast

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the post of research assistant in the building science section of the Department of Architecture. Depending on qualifications and interests, the successful candidate will be required to take part in either our current programme of work on computer applications in architecture or general research in a number of building science fields, notably energy conservation and building thermal performance. Candidates should possess a degree or equivalent in a computer science subject or in physics, engineering or building science. Under certain circumstances suitably qualified candidates may register for a higher degree.

The salary scale is £1,809 to £2,787. Initial placing will depend on age and qualifications. The appointment is tenable initially for one year but it may be renewed for two further years.

Applications, giving names and addresses of two referees, should be addressed to the Personnel Office, The Queen's University of Belfast, BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland. (Please quote Ref. 75/T.)

NIGERIA

UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

Applications are invited for the posts of PROFESSOR, SENIOR LECTURER and LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY.

Salary scales: Professor N8,730-N12,411 p.a. (£6,021-£8,560 p.a. sterling); Senior Lecturer N6,895-N8,730 p.a. (£4,755-£6,021 p.a. sterling); Lecturer N5,350-N6,905 p.a. (£3,690-£4,762 p.a. sterling). £1 sterling=N1.68.

The British Government may supplement salaries in appropriate cases. Family passages; various allowances; superannuation scheme; biennial overseas leave.

Detailed applications (2 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be sent by airmail, not later than 12 June, 1975, to the Registrar, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Applicants resident in UK should also send 1 copy to the Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT.

Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

University of Ibadan—Nigeria

Applicants are invited for the posts of SENIOR LECTURER, LECTURER AND ASSISTANT LECTURER IN CHEMISTRY. Salary scales: Senior Lecturer N6,895—N8,730 p.a. (£4,755—£6,021 p.a. sterling); Lecturer N5,350—N6,905 p.a. (£3,690—£4,762 p.a. sterling); Assistant Lecturer N3,980-N5,340 p.a. (£2,745—£3,683 p.a. sterling) £1 sterling—N1.68. The British Government may supplement salaries in appropriate cases. Family passages; various allowances; superannuation scheme; biennial overseas leave. Detailed applications (2 copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees, should be sent by airmail, not later than 12 June 1975 to the Registrar, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Applicants resident in UK should also send one copy to the Inter-University Council, 90-91 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

University of St. Andrews

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

Applications are invited for a post of RESEARCH ASSISTANT as part of an M.R.C. project award to study the effects of the cell nucleus on sodium pump production in cultured cells. The appointment will be for two years from 1st October, 1975 at a salary within the range £2,118-£2,247-£2,413, plus threshold payments (£230). Candidates should possess a Ph.D. in an appropriate field of study. Applications with the names of two referees should be sent by 31st May 1975 to Professor J. F. Lamb, Department of Physiology, The University, St. Andrews, Fife KY16 9TS from whom further details are available.

University of Strathclyde

Applications are invited from honours graduates for a LECTURESHIP in the DEPARTMENT of GEOGRAPHY. Interests in human geography and area studies would be an advantage.

Salary Scale £2,118-£4,896 plus threshold payments and F.S.S.U./U.S.S. benefits. Placing on scale according to qualifications and experience.

Application forms and further particulars (quoting 21/75) may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Strathclyde, Royal College Building, 204 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1XW, with whom *applications should be lodged* by May 24, 1975.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Birmingham

FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES

in association with UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

TEACHING POSTS—MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IN MAURITIUS

Applications invited for post of VISITING FELLOW IN MANAGEMENT SERVICES (OR QUANTITATIVE METHODS) in the School of Administration, University of Mauritius. Post will be on a two-year contract, commencing 1st September, 1975, or as soon after as possible. The Visiting Fellow will be a member of the staff of the Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham, and seconded to Mauritius under the auspices of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education Overseas. Depending on qualifications and experience, the appointment will be made at a Mauritian Senior Lecturer or Associate Professorial salary within the range Rs.39,600 to Rs.57,600 p.a. (rs. 13.33 equals £1.00).

The British Government may supplement this salary in the range £2,004 to £2,204 p.a. for married appointee, or £1,356 to £1,500 for single appointee, provide childrens education allowance and holiday visit passages. Passages for appointee and family at beginning and end of tour are paid by the University of Mauritius, with assistance towards settling in and housing allowances. There is a University of Mauritius staff medical insurance scheme which is optional.

The appointee will be required to teach on, and assist in, the detailed organisation of courses in quantitative methods, as part of a training programme in the University of Mauritius for financial and general management, and be expected to develop short courses and seminars in management studies. There is ample scope for research into the application of modern management techniques in Mauritius.

Qualifications and experience should be appropriate for teaching up to and at first degree level in the area of management mathematics and operational research. Ability to teach work study and O and M a distinct advantage.

Applications (three copies) naming three referees by 6th June, 1975, to Assistant Registrar(c), University of Birmingham, Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, from whom further particulars and application forms should be obtained.

Please quote reference C/134/A.

University of Essex

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

LECTURESHIPS IN SOCIOLOGY

Applications are invited for two posts of Lecturer (£2,118-£4,896) in the Department of Sociology for appointment from 1st October 1975.

For both posts, an ability to teach general sociology is essential. For one post (ref. CS.77/T) a special interest in Sociology of Latin America is required, and for the other (ref. SS/41/T), a special interest in the field of Social Policy.

Applications (six copies, quoting either reference CS/77/T or reference SS/41/T, as appropriate) including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees must reach the Registrar, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, from whom further particulars are obtainable, by 19th May 1975.

The University of Sheffield

BUILDING MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Salary Range £3,813—£4,896 (Administrative Staff Grade II)

Applications are invited from persons holding a suitable professional qualification for this senior appointment in the University Administration. The person appointed will head the section of the Buildings Department responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the University and will be directly responsible to the Surveyor. Candidates will be expected to have proven administrative ability and considerable experience of the building industry. It is anticipated that a replacement will be in post by not later than October next. Further particulars from the Registrar and Secretary, The University, Sheffield S10 2TN to whom applications (one copy only) should be sent by 6 June 1975, quote ref. R. 212/A.

University of Essex

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

LECTURER IN GOVERNMENT

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer (£2,118-£4,896) in the Department of Government in the field of political sociology for appointment from 1st October 1975.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach on the B.A. degree scheme in Government and Sociology and in other areas in accordance with his particular interests.

Applications (six copies, quoting reference SS/42/T) including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees must reach the Registrar, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, from whom further particulars are obtainable, by 19th May, 1975.

University of Durham

DURHAM UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

Applications are invited for a newly established post of LECTURER IN MARKETING in the Durham University Business School. Preference may be given to candidates with industrial experience and/or research interests in industrial marketing. There will be an opportunity to teach at postgraduate, post experience and undergraduate levels.

Salary according to qualifications and experience will be on the scale £2,118 to £4,896 per annum (under review), plus threshold payments and superannuation.

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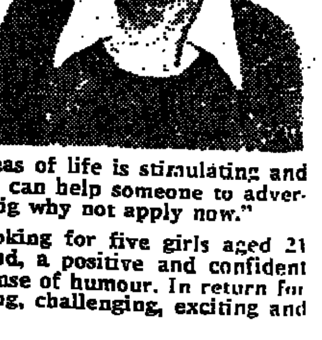

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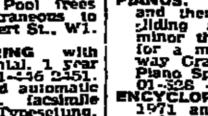

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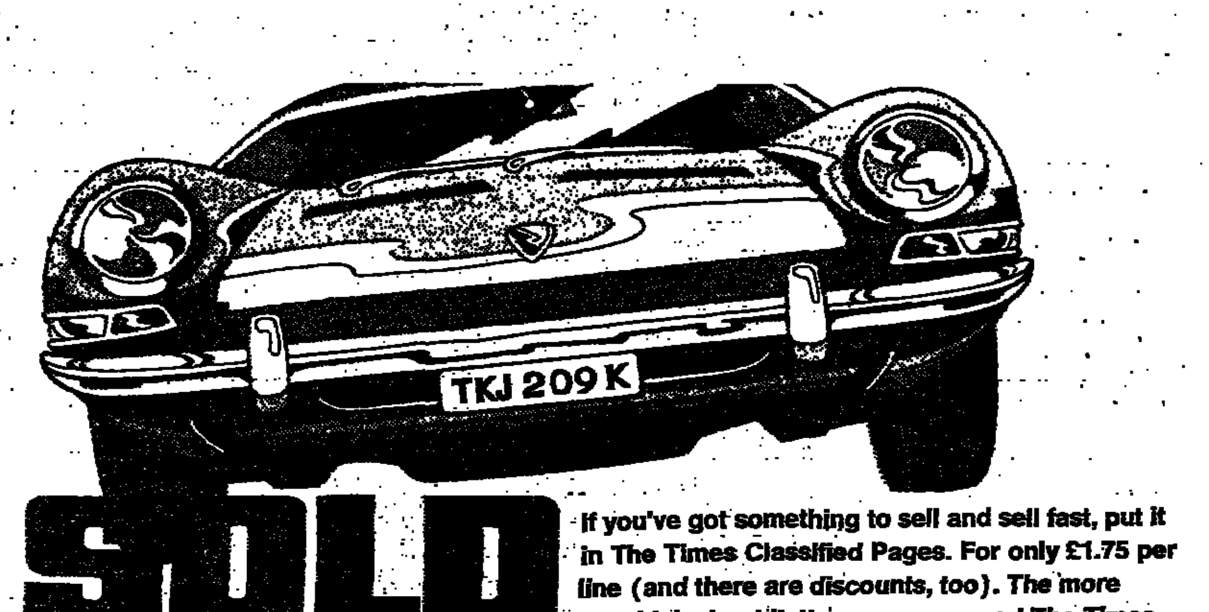

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Broadcasting

Rather a dull, predictable night with The Main Chance (ITV 9.0) and Spy Trap (BBC1 9.25) treading regular well-worn paths. The Best of Dick Emery (BBC1 7.35) is a rehash of comedy sketches, while Shut That Door! (ITV 8.30) seems to vary little from week to week. The Good Life (BBC1 8.30) is both funny and true, and best programme of the evening may be The Minerva Film Company (BBC1 10.15) about secret filming in occupied Denmark. David Gates is in The Old Grey Whistle Test (BBC2 8.10) and Robert Hardy and Helen Mirren star in Private Affairs (BBC2 10.15).—T.S.

BBC 1

10.45-10.57am, You and Me. 12.25pm, *Cynfas*. 12.55, *News*. 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45, On the Farm. 2.02-2.22, Schools. 3.58, Regional News. 4.00, Play School. 4.25, The Mole. 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, Roy Castle. 5.15, Wildlife Safari to Ethiopia. 5.40, Magic Roundabout.
5.45 News.
6.00 Nationwide: 1,000th Edition.
7.35 The Best of Dick Emery.
8.30 The Good Life.
9.00 News.
9.25 Spy Trap.
10.15 Documentary: The Minerva Film Company, a film company with the Danish Resistance.
11.15 Weather.
11.17 Film: Do You Take This Stranger?, with Gene Barry, Lloyd Bridges, Diane Baker.
12.47 am, Weather.

Regional variations as BBC 1 except:

BBC WALES.—12.25-12.55 pm. Transmitters closedown. 6.00-…ales Today. 7.35, Disney Cartoon. …40, Heddiw. 8.05-8.30, Dygn O …ffeddod. 10.15-10.45, Week In …eek Out. 12.49 am, Weather. SCOTLAND.—12.25-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. 6.00-7.35, Reporting Scotland. 8.30-9.00, Personal Pursuits. 11.16-11.17, Scottish News. 12.49 am, Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND.—12.25-12.55 pm, Transmitters closedown. …58-4.00, Northern Ireland News. …00-7.35, Scene Around Six. 12.49 …, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 am, Open University. Computing—Noughts and Crosses. 7.05, Reading Development. 7.30, Maths: Lebesgue Integrability. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00 pm, Open University:* Child Care. 5.25, Engineering Mechanics. 5.50, Dial a-Bus. 6.15, Filament Organization in Muscles. 6.40, Attention and Perception. 7.05, All in the Mind: Are You With Me? (part 2).
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Family Fare.
8.10 The Old Grey Whistle Test.
9.00 Country Tale: Man on the Island, by Richard Williamson.
9.30 The Money Programme: Think of a Number.
10.15 Play: Caesar and *Claretta*, by *Jack Russell*, with Robert Hardy, Helen Mirren.
11.05 News Extra.
11.25 Closedown: Bernard Hepton reads For Silence, by Richard Church.

Thames

11.45 am, Manfred. 12.00, Pipkins. 12.15 pm, A Handful of Songs. 12.30, Songs that Stopped the Shows. 1.00, First Report. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon Money - go - Round. 2.20, General Hospital. 2.50, Racing from Lingfield. 4.20, Follyfoot. 4.50, Magpie Special. 5.20, University Challenge.
5.50 News.
6.00 Today.
6.35 Crossroads.

London Weekend

7.00 Husband of the Year.
7.30 Caribe.
8.30 Shut that Door!
9.00 The Main Chance.
10.00 News.
10.30 Cinema.
11.00 Police Five.
11.10 Film: The Hand of Night, with William Sylvester, Alizia Gur, Edward Underdown.
12.40 am, Ideas in Print

Southern

12.00, Thames. 2.0 pm, Women Only. 2.20, Thames. 4.50, School for Playing. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, London. 7.05, McCloud. 8.30, Love Thy Neighbour. 9.00, London. 10.30, A Southern Report. 11.00, Southern News Extra. 11.10, Police Story. 12.05 am, Untamed World. 12.35, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

11.45, Manfred. 12.00, Thames. 4.50 pm, School for Playing. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Randall and Hopkirk. 7.30, Shut That Door! 8.00, Hawaii-Five-O. 9.00, London. 11.05, Film, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, with Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Hara.

ITV

…00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women …ly. 2.20, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. …25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. …01, Report West. 6.18, Report …les. 6.35, University Challenge. …35, McCloud. 8.30, London. …00, Pathfinders. 12.00, Weather. …V CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV …cept: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau …wyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.50, …stull Cantamil. 6.01-6.18, Y …dd. 10.30-11.00, Outlook. HTV …EST.—As HTV except: 11.45 am-…00, Interlude. 1.20-1.30 pm, …port West Headlines. 6.18-6.35, …port West.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.20, Thames. 5.15, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Grampian Week. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Film: Curtain Call at Cactus Creek, with Donald O'Connor, Gale Storm. 8.30, London. 10.30, Streets of San Francisco. 11.25, The Catch that Nobody Wants. 11.55, Evening Prayers.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Housecall. 2.20, Thames. 5.20, Professional Kitzel. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, The Flintstones. 7.00, Ways and Means. 7.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.30, London. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35, Film: A Howling in the Woods, with Barbara Eden, Larry Hagman, Vera Miles.

Anglia

12.00 am, Thames. 2.00 pm, Food File. 2.20, Thames. 2.50, Racing. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.50, Magpie Special. 5.20, Follyfoot. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 7.30, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, London. 10.30, Probe. 11.00, Kung Fu. 11.55, Men Who Matter.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 4.20, The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Follyfoot. 5.50, News. 6.00, North East News. 6.05, Division on Europe. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 7.30, The FBI. 8.30, London. 10.30, Sports Time. 11.00, Film: Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man, with Lon Chaney Jr., Bela Lugosi.* 12.20 am, Late News. 12.25, Open Bible.

…TV

…00, Thames. 5.20 pm, The …ntstones. 5.50, News. 6.00, …V Today. 6.35, Crossroads. …0, London. 7.30, Hawaii …e-O. 8.30, London. 10.30, …cumentary: Graham Hill, …rated by Graham Hill. 11.30, …ice Story.

Border

12.00 am, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.20, Thames. 5.20, Superman. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 7.30, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, London. 11.00, Film: Appointment with Crime, with William Hartnell, Robert Beatty, Herbert Lom.* 12.40 am, Border News.

Yorkshire

12.00 am, Thames. 4.25 pm, The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Follyfoot. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 7.30, The FBI. 8.30, London. 11.00, Film: Impact, with Conrad Phillips.*

…estward

…0, Thames. 4.20 pm, Black …ity. 4.50, Magpie Special. …, Untamed World. 5.50, News. …, Westward Diary. 6.35, Cross…s. 7.00, London. 7.30, Hawaii … 8.30, London. 10.32, Westward … 10.35, Film, The Wolfman, Claude Rains and Lon Chaney. … 11.50, Faith for Life.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 5.20 pm, The Amazing Chan. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.25, Police Six. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 11.00, Police Story.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Simon Bates. 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. (12.30 pm, Newsbeat.) 2.02, David Hamilton. 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Rosko's Round Table. 7.02, Just for Fun. 7.30, Cricket scores. 7.32, Ronnie Aldrich.† 8.32, Music Night. 10.02, Sport. 10.05, Len Jackson. 12.31 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.†. 1.50 pm, Cricket Scoreboard. 2.02, David Hamilton. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, As Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Pleyel, Hossini, d'Indy.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Chopin, Kodaly.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Scarlatti, Boccherini.† 9.55, Liszt, Bach, piano recital.† 10.55, Concert Club.† 12.15 pm, Concert: part 1, Schubert, Walton.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, Concert: part 2, Strauss.† 2.05, 20th-Century Flute Music: Hindemith, Poulenc, Messiaen, Bartok, arr. Arma.† 2.55, Handel: The Chandos Anthems.† 3.50, String Quartets (new series): Schubert, Maconchy.† 4.25, Schoenberg, Debussy, Chopin: piano recital.† 5.25, Pied Piper.
5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Study on 3: Teaching Politics: part 6, The Problem of Bias. 7.00, Turning Points: part 6, Sudden Disablement. 7.30, Jennifer Smith (soprano) with the Serenata of London: part 1, Haydn, Bach, Mozart, Bach.† 8.20, Interval Reading.
8.30, Part 2, Mozart, Bach, Mozart.† 9.25, A Portrait of Alfred Piccaver. 10.25, Julian Bream: guitar recital, Weiss, Bach, Falla, Arnold.† 11.25, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the Day. 6.45, Today. 6.55, Weather and programme news. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. Mrs M'Nulty goes too far. 11.00, News. 11.05, My Kind of Music, with Ian Carmichael. 11.50, Toby and His Uncle Jake: part 2. The Marquee. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours: The Thyroid Gland. 12.27, Twenty Questions. 12.55, Weather.
1.00 pm, The World At One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: If You Want to Find the Major. 4.00, News. 4.05, Any Answers? 4.35, Story. The Cave Under the Water, part 5. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Brain of Britain 1975: North of *England*. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Any Questions? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Mill of the Floss, part 15. 11.00, Financial World. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.25, Week Ending. 11.40, News. 12.01 am, Inshore Forecast.
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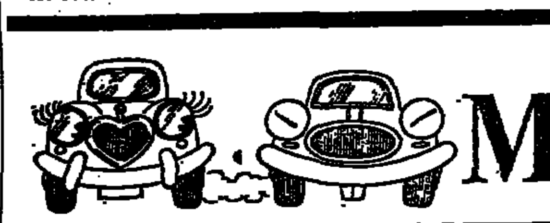

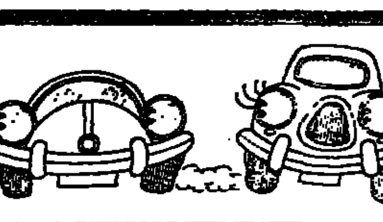

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BIRTHS

CASTELL.—On May 6 at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Anne (nee Pearson) and Stephen — a daughter (Sarah Anne Marcelle). Thank you, National Childbirth Trust.

EDWARDS.—On May 5th, at Amersham Hospital, to Angela (nee Ruddock) and Leslie Edwards—a son (Benjamin Charles), a brother for Alice and Abigail.

GIBSON.—On May 8th to Kristin and Michael of 2 Sydenham Street, Wellington 5, N.Z.—a daughter (Eleanor Mary), a sister for Amy.

GREEN.—On 18th April at Kingston Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, to Jacqueline (nee Dunn) and Robert—a son (Ross) a brother for Scott and Russell.

HAYES.—On May 7th, at Pembury Hospital, to Judith (nee Corby) and Richard, a daughter (Sarah Jane Lisette).

HOWARD.—On May 7th, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon to Valerie (nee Crosse) and David Howard—a daughter (Victoria), a sister for Caroline and Robert.

JEFFREYS.—On May 6, to John and Jennifer (nee Turnbull) of Chillingham Newtown—a son.

KNAUF.—On 7th May, at St. George's Hospital, to Jutta Josefine (nee Lemke) and Alfons Jean—a son (Alfons-Fredrick).

NEW.—On Friday, May 2nd at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Sandra and Ken New — a son (Ryan Anthony) a brother for Michelle and Kerrie.

PALMER.—On May 6th, at Westminster Hospital, to Louise (nee Liversidge) and Simon—a son (Sam Keith).

POTTER.—On May 3rd, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Charlotte and Christopher Potter—a son (Luke William Rendall), a brother for Charmian.

SCOTT.—On 7th May at Perth Royal Infirmary to Ann (nee Belch) and Noel, of Murraypark Hotel, Crieff—a daughter (Lisa Kathryn).

SPARKS.—On May 5 to Toby (nee Cockle) and Michael Sparks — a daughter (Harriet Sarah).

VYVYAN.—On May 3rd, in Paris, to Miranda (nee Walters) and Anthony Vyvyan—a son.

WOOLLEY.—On 21st April at the Westminster Hospital, to Lydia (nee Samuels) and Alan Woolley —a son, a brother for Katy. Now at home at 9 West Grove, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

BIRTHDAYS

VIRGINIA.—Happy Birthday from Sunshine and Sugarbush.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Darling, luv you, me.—W.B.

DEATHS

ANGWIN.—On 7th May, suddenly, in London, Benjamin, of 30 Caister Road, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk. Beloved husband of Mabel and devoted father of Margaret, Anne, Peter and Christopher. Funeral to be announced.

BLACK.—On 8th May, 1975, peacefully, in a nursing home at Wimborne, Dorset, Anna Lilian, in her 96th year, formerly of Hongkong, widow of Lt.-Col. G. D. R. Black, O.B.E., V.D., M.D., R.A.M.C., beloved mother of the late Mrs Alison Burkitt and mother-in-law of Lt.-Col. H. G. S. Burkitt, Blandford, Dorset. Cremation private at Salisbury on 13th May, 1975, with interment later of the ashes at Pimperne.

BRADDELL.—On May 7th, 1975, peacefully, at her home, Isabel Dorothy Ann (Diana), beloved wife of Captain L. A. R. Braddell. Service Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday, May 13th, at 3.00 p.m. Flowers to Kenyons Chapel, 81, Westbourne Grove, W.2.

BRAUEN.—On May 5th, 1975, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, Jean Alfred Brauen of Kensington W.8. Funeral Bandon Hill Cemetery, Beddington, Surrey, Monday, 12 Noon. Flowers to Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

BUTLER.—On 8th May, 1975, peacefully, at her home, 119 Portsea Hall, Portsea Place, London W.2, Gwendolyn Violet (Poots) Butler. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, W.2, on Monday, 12th May, at 3 p.m., followed by cremation, privately. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

CARRINGTON.—On 6th May, 1975, suddenly and peacefully at his home in Penzance, Cornwall, Sir William Speight Carrington, F.C.A., aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy and father of David and grandfather of Sally, Richard and Charles. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Penzance, on Friday, 9th May, at 10.15 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only: donations may be sent to the Chartered Accountants Benevolent Association, City House, 56 Goswell Road, London EC1M 7AY.

COLE.—On May 7th, 1975, peacefully at St. George's Nursing Home, Aileen Charlotte Burke Cole, aged 81 years, of 25 Todworth Square, Chelsea, widow of Lt-Col. J. J. B. Cole, O.B.E., M.C. Cremation private. Funeral at St. Lawrence Church, West Woodhay on Thursday, May 15, at 4 p.m. Flowers to Camp Hopson, Newbury.

DAVIS.—On May 7th, 1975, after a long illness, Irene, beloved widow of Eric N., of 14 Orchard Avenue, New Malden, Surrey. No letters or flowers, please, but if desired donations to Cancer Research.

GARRARD.—On Thursday, 8th May, 1975, Dr. Norman, husband of the late Dora, father of Mary, much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation, family only.

GRANGE.—On Wednesday, May 7th, in a nursing home, George Girling Grange, in his 80th year, of 18 Barton Drive, New Milton, a master at Dulwich College for over 30 years. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium at 3.30 p.m., Wednesday, 14th May. No flowers, please.

HARVEY. MAY (nee Onions), of 6 Clatterford Shute, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on May 7th, 1975, at Kite Hill Nursing Home, widow of the late R. P. C. Harvey, M.C. Funeral Monday, May 12th, at 2 p.m., Whippingham. Crematorium. No flowers, by her request.

HATTON. On May 5th, Sydney F., born Hampstead 1891. (Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry 1914-18, Cpl. Royal Artillery 1939-45 and Wasps Rugby F.C.). The last trumpet sounded on May 5th. Funeral service Wednesday, 14th May, 2 p.m., at Hampstead Parish Church. If so desired floral tributes by 12 noon, parish church.

LENEY.—On May 6, 1975, Averil Mary, peacefully, in hospital in her 88th year. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please.

McCARTHY.—On May 8th, 1975, Lt.-Col. Alfred Oliver (Mac) McCarthy, M.C., R.A., after a long illness, courageously borne, at "The Gunyah", Godalming, beloved husband of Mary, father of John and Cilla, grandfather of Richard, Timothy and Charles. Cremation private. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to St. Dunstan's, 191 Marylebone Road, London. Service of thanksgiving at Busbridge Church, Godalming, on Monday, May 12th at 2 p.m.

MITCHELL.—Charles Normington, (formerly of Holte School, Birmingham) died peacefully in Cambridge on 7th of May 1975, aged 65 years. Funeral service at Cambridge crematorium, Huntingdon Road (A604) on Monday May 12th at 12.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to the Weyman Funeral Home, Abbey Walk, Cambridge.

MOORE.—On May 7, 1975, Cynthia Helen (Diana Penny), beloved and loving wife of Alistair Drumconrath, Glebe, co Meath. Funeral at Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey, on Tues., May 13, at 3.30. "The Lord is my Shepherd."

MORRIS.—On May 8, 1975, the Rev. Quintin, aged 72 years, of Harberton, South Devon. Beloved husband of Sally and dearest father of Caroline and Richard, father-in-law of Rosemary and Tony. Funeral service at Harberton Church on Tuesday, May 13, at 11 a.m., prior to cremation at Torquay. No flowers please, donations in lieu, to the Rev. W. Bulley, Harberton, for the Harberton and Dartington Church Restoration Funds.

MURE.—On 7 May, 1975, aged 79, Charles George, husband of Muriel. Cremation private.

NICHOLSON.—On 7 May, 1975, at the W. G. H. Edinburgh, peacefully after a short illness, Rosemary Spencer-Smith, very dearly loved wife of Alleyne, 5 Royal Circus, Edinburgh, and darling mother of Irene, Douglas, Elizabeth and Helen. Service at Warriston Crematorium, on Saturday, 10 May, at 11 a.m., to which all friends are invited. Flowers may be sent to Adam Cramond & Son, 5 Cayfield Sq., Edinburgh.

PARSHALL.—On May 8th, Ursula Mary, peacefully after a long illness. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please. Memorial service to be announced later.

PASCOE.—On 5th May at his home in Cornwall, Harold, mining engineer, late of Kuruman, Cape Province. Cremation has taken place.

PEARSE.—On May 7th, 1975, in Christchurch, New Zealand, Barbara, widow of James and mother of John, Richard and Timothy.

ROUTH.—On May 8, 1975, in a London nursing home, Ethel, beloved wife of the late Harry Routh. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Wednesday, May 14 at 3 p.m. Flowers to Kenyons Chapels, 81 Westbourne Grove, London, W.2.

SADIQ.—On 3rd May, 1975, in Medway Hospital, Muhammad Sadiq, M.D., M.R.C.P., (Hon. Consultant Physician) aged 68 of 49, Park Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.

SILAS.—On 7th May, 1975, suddenly, at his home, 82 Napier Court, Ranelagh Gardens, S.W.6, Bobby, most beloved husband of Philippa and stepfather of Simon. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

WILLIAMSON, ANDREW GEORGE, of Ollaberry, Great Missenden, Bucks, dear son of Margot and George, and brother of Janet, Susan and Tessa, on Sunday, 4th May, 1975, in Oman as a result of an accident. Service at Amersham Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 12th May. Undertakers, H. J. & A. Wright, Great Missenden.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ANSTRUTHER.—A memorial service for the late Miss Mary Anstruther will be held in the Anstruther Hall, St. James's School, West Malvern, on Saturday, 17th May, at 2.15 p.m.

DRUCQUER.—A Memorial Service for Sir Leonard Drucquer, past President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and past Chairman of the Council of Engineering Institutions will be held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, London, W.C.2, on Thursday, 22nd May, 1975, at 12 noon.

LISTER.—A Memorial Service will be held for Arthur Lister, F.R.C.S., at St. Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8, at noon, Wednesday, 14th May.

PHILLIPS.—A memorial service for Alan H. Phillips will be held in *Shrewsbury School Chapel*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, May 24th.

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MACKENZIE, NORAH MADELEINE D., our beloved Mother. Vaya Con Dios.—Pauline C.-B.

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"K.D.B.(L.)" thanks most warmly all her friends who individually, or collectively, so kindly and generously remembered her birthday (May 4th). Please forgive no personal reply at present possible.

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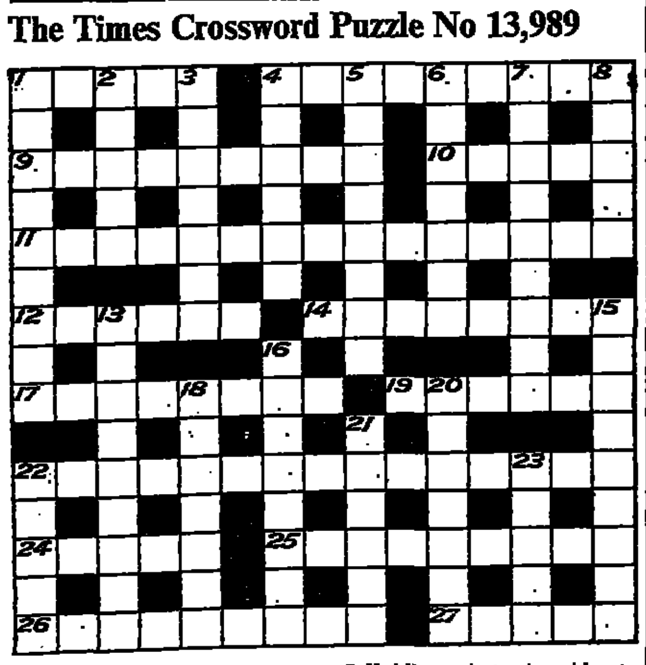


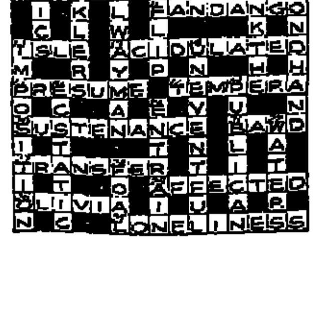
ACROSS

1 Leg of mutton obtained by a soldier (5).
4 Used a smoothing iron or knitting needles? (9).
9 Shady Irish type? (9).
10 Ungodly origin of a violinist (5).
11 A ghostly Christmas present for him (8, 7).
12 Tom is a convert to this (6).
14 Public protest murderer's return is fiendish (8).
17 Nightingale invoked by Titania's fairies (8).
19 Fight point in an awkward situation (6).
22 A turn-up for him at last in Australia (7, 8).
24 Curb ambition to some extent to make name in films (5).
25 Help Joan with pig's head—possible garnish for it? (5-4).
26 New dealer was three times this (2-7).
27 Loose, topless lady of the family (5).

DOWN

1 Suggested gait for going up and down stairs? (5-4).
2 Darling Doctor William Gilbert! (5).
3 Her mate, said Blake, was fearfully symmetrical (7).
4 Wet blanket for fire control? (6).
5 Holding shot, is able to convert tries (8).
6 "Grass" by a rising artist among new poets (7).
7 European girl who drops in after the wedding (9).
8 Needs some form of education? (5).
13 The banner of St Denis, or I deceive myself (9).
15 Customs OK for this sale? (9).
16 Bird in sky giving early warning to shepherds? (8).
18 Opening for one diversion on ice (7).
20 Country seat for a cat, over the water in France (7).
21 Bound to be very soft-hearted—gave largesse (6).
22 He composed an occidental variety of beer (5).
23 Raise ducks in summertime (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,988



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